

By Baptist Group

# Responsibility Of Dissent Is Agreed

WASHINGTON (BP) — More than 100 Baptists from the United States and Canada were unanimous in supporting the "right of dissent" during the fourteenth annual Religious Liberty Conference here sponsored by the Baptist Joint Committee on Public Affairs.

The unanimity disappeared, however, at that point as some of the participants urged dissent ranging from mild protest through established channels to the ultimate use of force and violence after other means failed. Even so, before it concluded, the conferees were in agreement on many Christian approaches and responsibilities to dissent.

The theme of the conference was "Dissent in Church and State." Five areas were in the minds of the conferees as they discussed principles and practices for Baptists. These were dissent against war, depersonalization, injustice, and politico-economic system, and institution centered religion.

The speeches, discussions and reports made at the conference do not represent the policy of the Baptist Joint Committee on Public Affairs or the eight denominations that main-

tain the office in the nation's capital. The conference views become resource material for the Baptist Joint Committee and for the sponsoring denominations, who in turn decide their own policy positions for themselves.

The small group section on "Dissent as Political Strategy" reported to the whole conference: "The group is unanimous in affirming the right and responsibility of dissent as a precious part of Baptist tradition and American civil and political heritage. Suppression of dissent leads to an authoritarian state. Dissent must never be equated with disloyalty."

Another section said: "We agreed that the church could and should be the conscience of the state and the community. With this in mind, we need to help church people to know how to dissent without fear. Our responsibility to Christ should enable us to learn how to differ in love."

A third section declared: "We believe the Christian should offer a listening ear to the dissenter and support his right to dissent even if we disapprove of his cause. Dissent should be educated to the available channels of redress but a readiness to (Continued on page 2)

# Annuity Board Shifts To New Organizational Plans

DALLAS (BP) — Trustees of the Southern Baptist Annuity Board have given final approval for the agency to operate under a new streamlined organizational structure, effective Aug. 5.

R. Alton Reed, president and chief executive officer, said the new structure, semi-pyramidal in design, reflects two important changes from the former organization concept.

These changes include combining of areas which provide similar functions

and services, and renaming of titles of executive personnel from the director level upward.

Reed said the trustees' approval completed action taken by the full board of trustees last February when they endorsed a recommendation calling for a re-organization.

The recommendation at that time was made by a trustee designated long-range planning committee which spent 17 months studying the retirement and protection programs, the methods used to reach eligible participants for them, and the organization needed to carry out the work.

The new alignment now shows 21 members in the retirement, protection and insurance programs under the board's "Development Division."

All services and records pertaining to members and annuitants are merged under "Member Services."

All investment activities, such as mortgage loans and real estate, stocks and bonds, come together under the "Investment Division."

Service areas, such as personnel, printing, purchasing and mail, are combined under "Administrative Services."

Only minor changes are reflected in the remaining areas, board officials said.

Reed said that titles were changed to those normally used in the business community and in a majority of Southern Baptist seminaries, colleges and universities.

The new titles are: chairman of the board of trustees; president and chief executive officer; senior vice-president and vice-president. They replace the former ones — president of the board, executive secretary (Reed's former title), senior associate secretary.

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T E CARTER, DEPT. OF CHRISTIAN SOCIAL MINISTRIES, HMB.

By E. Russell Bennett, Home Mission Board

If all the unredeemed people in our world were lined up single file, the line would circle the world thirty times. That line would grow at a rate of twenty miles per day. If you traveled beside that line at a speed of fifty miles an hour for ten hours a day, it would take you four years and forty days to reach the end. And by the time you arrived there, it would have grown by 30,000 miles. The need to evangelize our generation is gigantic.

How are we to respond to such a need? The basic unit for evangelism is the local church. Therefore, Southern Baptists need a renewed emphasis on establishing new churches. The emphasis here is not on buildings, mind you, but on the church as a fellowship of regenerate believers.

### The Decline in Church Starts

The symptoms of illness on our growing edge are serious. First (1), there has been a decline in the number of new churches established annually. Although our convention received report from 34,335 churches in 1959, the increase in number of churches was 108 less than that of the previous year. Between 1948 and 1968 Southern Baptist Convention churches increased at a rate of 423

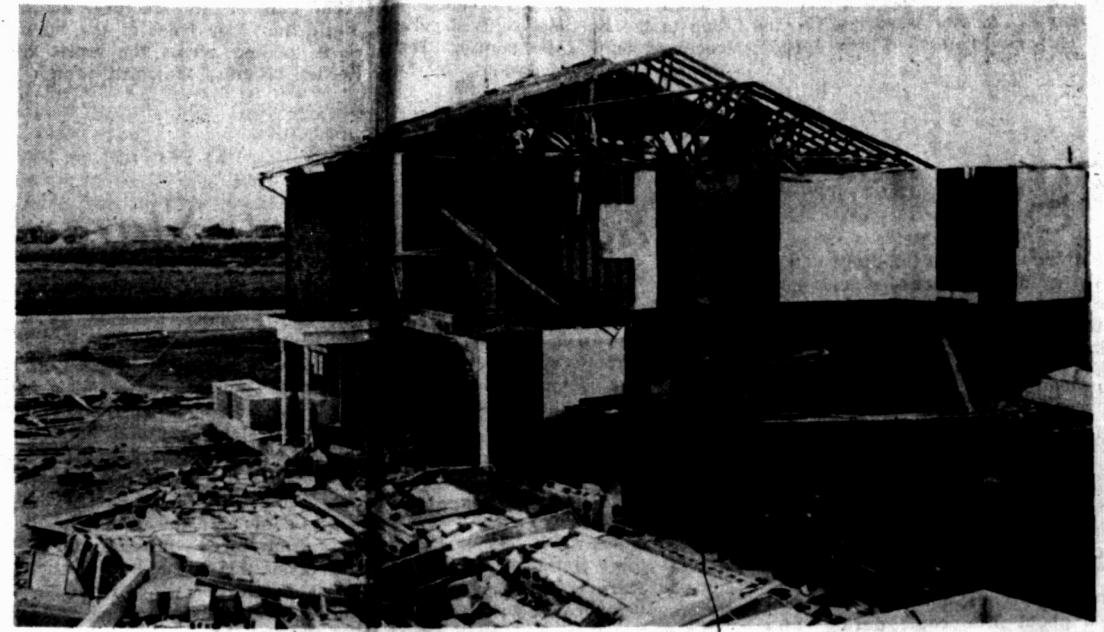
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# 'Celia' Damages Baptist Property



HURRICANE CELIA MALES Baptist work in Corpus Christi Area. First Church, Portland, destroyed—The new auditorium at First Church, Portland, completed a few months ago, was all but blown away by the hurricane. Winds at Portland, across

By Orville Scott  
CORPUS CHRISTI, Tex. (BP) — Damage by Hurricane Celia to Baptist churches and other facilities over a wide area of the Texas Gulf Coast may run in the millions, Texas Baptist leaders said.

About 75 Texas Baptist churches and related buildings were damaged, many of them severely, by the killer storm which ravaged the lower Gulf Coast with winds up to 161 M.P.H.

Aid for the hurricane victims was almost immediate. The morning after Celia left Corpus Christi and surrounding towns torn and mangled, a task force was sent into the area by the Texas Baptist disaster relief committee.

The task force, cooperating with Civil Defense and other agencies, began distribution of food to all needy hurricane victims, established communications and activated Baptist disaster relief centers.

Morgan Avenue Baptist Church, one of the lesser damaged buildings in Corpus Christi, was designated as Texas Baptists' first relief center.

Earlier, the church had sheltered 200 people driven from their homes by the savage storm.

The Texas Baptist State Missions Commission approved \$150,000 for relief victims of Celia. The amount included \$5,000 given by the Mississippi Baptist Convention Board, which received extensive help following the Hurricane Camille disaster last year.

The Southern Baptist Home Mission Board in Atlanta gave \$25,000.

Texas Baptists' Executive Secretary T. A. Patterson and Charles McLaughlin, head of the State Missions Commission, said other relief funds were to come through a special offering taken in Texas Baptists' 4,000 churches on Aug. 9 and through the convention's disaster relief fund.

The first loads of food and sup-

Tex. The relief operation is expected to continue and increase in weeks to come, Baptist officials said.

"Because most warehouses and other storage facilities were destroyed or damaged by the storm," McLaughlin said, "we urge everyone to consult our office in Dallas before sending supplies."

"This way, we can be prepared to receive and distribute them where they are most needed," said McLaughlin, head of the Texas convention disaster relief committee.

Assisting in the relief operations was a 54-member youth choir from Swope Park Baptist Church, Kansas City, Mo. The young people who rode out the hurricane in the basement of the Morgan Avenue Baptist Church, voted unanimously to remain for a week to aid hurricane victims.

A second wave of workers left the state convention offices in Dallas four days after the disaster to join the task force already at work. The (Continued on page 2)



MISSISSIPPI FOOD MOVES OUT FOR CORPUS—Pastor Jimmy Allen of First Church, San Antonio, briefs drivers hauling canned food for residents of hurricane-wrecked Corpus Christi. Mississippi Baptists gave \$5,000 to purchase the food. Also transported in the Texas Baptist Men trucklift were 240,000 square feet of polyethylene plastic and \$800 worth of food to Robstown. Food was called for after existing stocks were exhausted. Allen, president of the Baptist General Convention of Texas, arranged the food purchase.

## Mississippi Remembers!

An Editorial

Mississippians have a vivid remembrance of events of just a year ago. It was then that Hurricane Camille struck the Gulf Coast and slashed across the State leaving death, destruction and ruin.

The whole state was left stunned and groggy for a little while, reeling under the crushing impact of the killer storm. Assistance was swift in coming, however, and soon the stricken areas began to dig out, encouraged and aided by people across the nation.

Never will Mississippians be able to repay all that was done for them during those dreary hours, days and weeks that followed the storm. Often we heard the words expressed, "We wish that we knew how to say 'Thank you!' to all who did so much."

Now that opportunity has come! Another hurricane has lashed the coast of another state, and another area knows something of the destruction which came to our own state just a year ago.

Again there is a call for help, and Mississippians are more than glad to have the opportunity to

respond to the appeal. Almost as soon as the news of the storm's devastation was flashed across the news channels, Dr. W. Douglas Hudgins, Executive Secretary of the Mississippi Baptist Convention Board, acting on authority of the board's Executive Committee, wired \$5,000 for emergency relief. Reports revealed that that money was used for food to go into the devastated area.

Now that the emergency period has passed, an appraisal has been made of the losses to Baptist churches and institutions. The Baptist General Convention of Texas has set up a task force to direct Baptist efforts to assist the stricken area. Announcement has been made that funds are needed to aid the churches and people in their recovery efforts.

Opportunity is open for churches and individuals who would like to participate in these relief efforts. Mississippians who want to have part may send their gifts to the Convention Board office, designated for the Texas hurricane fund, and the money will be sent to the Texas Baptist Convention for use where it is needed most.

We are sure that many Mississippians will want to respond to this appeal. Just a year ago we were the recipients, and the response to our needs was overwhelming. Now we have the opportunity to say "Thank you!" We remember Camille!

## Celia Check For \$5,000 From Mississippi Baptists First To Reach Texas Convention

A check for \$5,000 was sent Thursday of last week by the Mississippi Baptist Convention Board for immediate personal relief of Hurricane Celia victims in the Texas cost area and was the first aid to be received there by Texas Baptists from outside the state.

Dr. W. Douglas Hudgins, executive secretary of the board, in making the announcement, said the action was authorized by the board's executive committee, of which Dr. Earl Kelly of Jackson is chairman.

The check was sent to Dr. T. A. Patterson, executive secretary of the Baptist General Convention of Texas in Dallas, who is channeling it through

their relief facilities to the people in need.

Dr. Hudgins said that he felt that Mississippi Baptists wanted to respond in this way to the needs of the distressed hurricane victims in Texas but he also pointed to the manner in which Texas Baptists came to the aid of Hurricane Camille victims last year in Mississippi.

Several large checks were received from Texas Baptists channeled through Dr. Patterson's office.

Dr. Hudgins said that the \$5,000 came from a small unexpended balance in the Hurricane Camille fund administered by the Convention Board.

kind exists in the United States for every 450 residents. During recent years one religious group has been formed for every increase of 800-1,000 in population. If that present rate of growth continues, 3,000 new congregations will be established annually. However, according to present trends, the largest twelve Protestant denominations will account for no more than 20 per cent of these new congregations, even though they have 50 per cent of all Protestant church members. This is especially significant since new churches seem to be the most effective means of enlisting the unchurched and the inactive member.

Viewed as one of the twelve, Southern Baptists may die first at their growing edge. Unless our present practice in starting new churches is changed, we will be a decreasing witness in our land.

Finally (4), Southern Baptists share in the failure of the churches to reach the mobile segment of our population. It is easier to establish an institutional church where the mobility rate is lower than average. Religion has a conservative aspect and buildings are stationary. The most active members of the average church are between ages 35 to 55, who are also the least mobile segment of (Continued On Page 2)

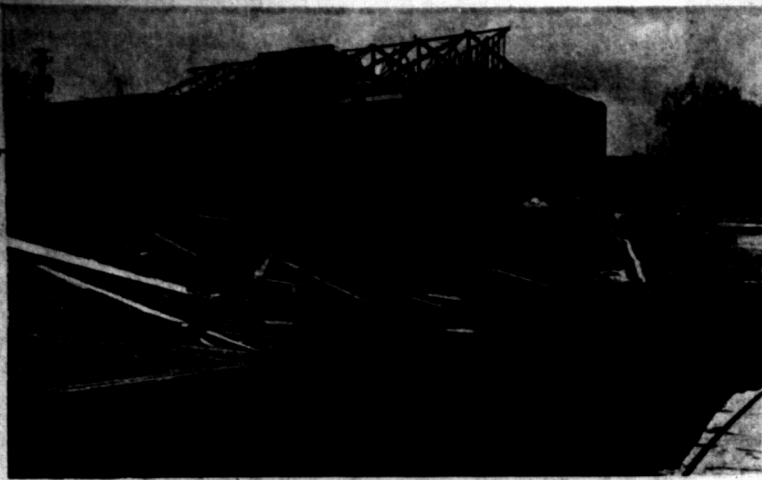
## New Churches.. Now

per year, but the rate of increase has declined steadily in the last few years. The increase was 148 in 1968 and only 40 in '69. If this trend continues, the number of Southern Baptist churches serving a growing population will begin to decline.

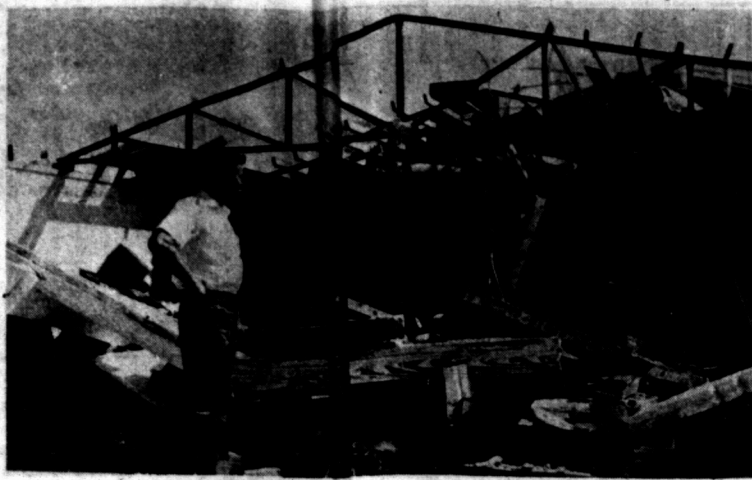
Second (2), there has been a decline in the ratio of Southern Baptist churches to the United States in 1889. (If that church for every 3,730 persons in the United States in 1889, with ratio had been maintained, we would now have 53,500 churches with 17,000,000 members!) By 1930 the ratio had declined till there was only one SBC church for every 5,200 persons. By 1960 there was one SBC church for every 5,570. In 1970 the ratio is 5,971 persons per SBC church. The rate of church beginnings is not keeping pace with population increase.

Also (3), there has been a decline in the percentage of new churches established. Currently one religious congregation of any

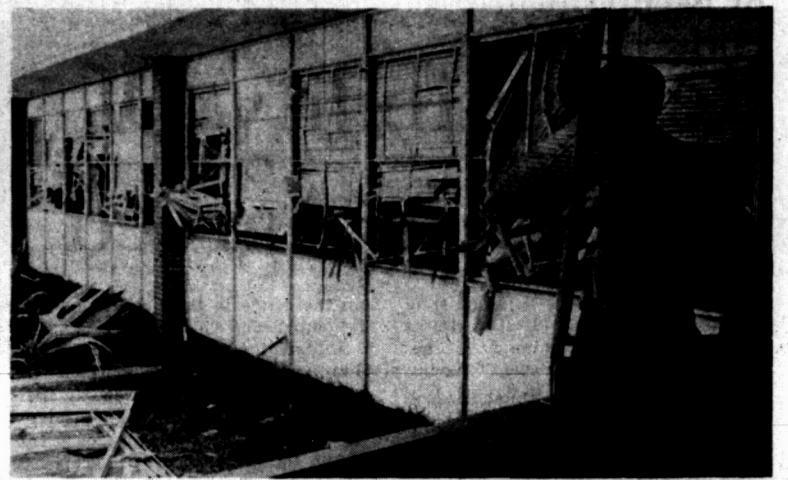




**MEXICAN CHURCH LOSTS ROOF**—First Mexican Church in Corpus Christi suffered extensive damage, with its roof landing in a parking lot across the street from the building. Also destroyed completely was the church's brick youth activities building. Ruby Hernandez, former associate in the Texas convention's Evangelism Division, is pastor.—Photo by Larry Jerden, Baptist Standard Staff.



**ASSOCIATION OFFICE DAMAGE**—Harold J. Parnell, minister of music at Gardendale Church, Corpus Christi, surveys the damage to the Corpus Christi Association office building. The rear half of the structure, an addition to the building, suffered collapse, while the older front of the building received only water damage. The office is located across the street from the Gulf of Mexico.—Photo by Larry Jerden, Baptist Standard Staff.



**SCHOOL'S OUT AT UCC**—The University of Corpus Christi, one of the Texas convention's nine colleges, was severely damaged. Several of the older buildings will probably have to be razed. President Kenneth A. Maroney surveys damage to classrooms on the campus.—Photo by Larry Jerden, Baptist Standard Staff.

## Celia Damages

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group will assist churches technically and financially in rebuilding and continuing their programs.

At the University of Corpus Christi, four apartment buildings and the printing shop were completely destroyed, according to Kenneth A. Maroney, president of the Baptist school.

The art, science, administration, Student Union, gymnasium, and music buildings all suffered serious roof damage and broken windows.

The university's modern new library building lost many books when its windows were broken, allowing rain to pour into the stacks.

Summer school at the Baptist school was cancelled, but about 30 students remained on campus to assist in cleanup and repair operations. President Maroney said school will be held this fall.

About 40 miles away, at Zephyr Baptist Encampment in Sandia, Tex., several dormitories were destroyed.

Damage to Texas Baptist churches in the hurricane-wrecked area may be in excess of \$1 million, said McLaughlin.

Robert Dixon, executive secretary of Texas Baptist Men, who led the initial Baptist task force in the storm-ravaged area, said the hurricane wrecked Baptist facilities far beyond any previous disaster in Texas.

Local officials said the storm demolished 90 per cent of Corpus Christi and surrounding areas. Damage to the area. About half of the Corpus Christi Baptist Association building seemed to have exploded reminiscent of a tornado.

Some churches were almost completely destroyed, while others had sections of roofs and walls torn out, allowing the rain to soak fixtures and furniture.

Among the churches destroyed were Tulo Midway Baptist Church of Corpus Christi and Portland Baptist Church which had only the front and rear walls standing amid debris of a new building.

As far inland as Mathis, nearly 40 miles from Corpus Christi, a large section of the roof and a wall caved in at the Mexican Baptist mission.

Throughout residential and city areas, streets and lawns were littered with twisted and uprooted trees and the remains of businesses and homes.

The 161 mile-per-hour wind snapped large power line poles, leaving the entire area without electricity. It knocked railroad cars from their tracks, and hurled mobile homes about like toys.

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shambles with large buildings staring from windowless sockets and glass and debris scattered everywhere. One of the city's largest department stores collapsed.

Before the hurricane struck, the Texas Baptist disaster relief committee was standing by, ready to offer aid.

Locally, Baptist churches worked with Civil Defense and other agencies. Six Baptist churches had been designated as refugee centers and stocked with supplies.

The Morgan Avenue and Parkdale Baptist Churches, between them, sheltered about 300 people during the storm.

A few days after the storm, the suggestion of executive secretary Patterson, urged that an emergency mobile unit with communications and relief facilities be purchased by the convention for possible future disasters.

With nearly all phones out in the storm area communications with outside areas was almost impossible, Patterson said.

## Responsibility Of Dissent

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respond to immediate need without the delay of going through channels should be developed.

the sections as "the inner sense of moral direction through which a person expresses a system of values." To this definition the section added that "the biblical basis of conscience is that decisions and actions are motivated by and based upon what one perceives to be for him that course which is described in the Bible and dictated by the Holy Spirit."

To implement the dictates of conscience the section devised nine guidelines for Christian dissent: "(1) be sure we have accurate information on which to work; (2) be willing to take risks; (3) know our own values, moral and otherwise; (4) do not use other people simply as a means to an end;

(5) Be committed to work for constructive results; (6) avoid retaliatory or vindictive measures; (7) cooperate with others who are working to remedy the same injustices; (8) recognize the right of dissent by others who may have a different set of values; and (9) make our dissent responsible, open and honest."

Commenting on both the right to dissent or dissent, the section report said, "All persons, including

## "A Personal View"

# Windowless Sockets Stare At Celia Pillage

By Orville Scott  
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**CORPUS CHRISTI, Tex. (BP)**—Stunned victims were beginning to enter as we entered the wasteland of once beautiful "Corpus Christi by the sea" the morning after Hurricane Celia raged through with winds clocked at 161 miles per hour.

I was part of the vanguard of Texas Baptists' disaster relief task force, which included Bob Dixon, Roberto Garcia, Harry Hamblen, Clinton Watson and Jerry Bob Taylor, all of the state convention office in Dallas.

We watched in amazement as the damage grew steadily worse south of Beville, Tex., across a 75-mile-long stretch of flat Gulf Coast terrain.

Many houses and buildings were unroofed. At Mathis, Tex., for example, some 40 miles inland from where the raging winds first slammed ashore, the roof and a wall caved in at a Baptist mission.

Corpus Christi itself appeared totally wrecked. Along the freeways leading into the city, twisted corrugated roofing and road signs were mounted like miles of metal tumble-

weeds against a high fence dividing the traffic lanes. Electric power poles up to a foot in diameter had been snapped off and deposited on roadways, a twisted mass of wood, wire and cables. Heavy steel railroad cars were knocked off rails. Large steel storage tanks near a refinery were smashed as if struck by a giant's fist.

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## California Baptist Building Vandalized During Night

**FRESNO, Calif. (BP)**—Vandals broke into the office building of the Southern Baptist General Convention of California here, shattering doors and windows, damaging walls and typewriters, and mutilating photographs and pictures.

An accurate estimate of the extent of damage was not immediately available, but one convention official said it would probably be in the neighborhood of \$3,000.

Police speculated that entrance was gained through the California

Most of the damage was done in the child care office, the Baptist Book Store, and the coffee room, all on the first floor.

The inside door of the Book Store was shattered, two typewriters were damaged, and records and books were strewn on the floor.

The soft drink machine in the coffee room was damaged, evidently with a heavy object, and several glassware items were broken. A window in the coffee room was also shattered, and glass covered the floor.

Although an attempt was made to break into the safe in the California Baptist Foundation office, the vandals were not able to crack the safe.

Pictures in the hallways were mutilated, and many of the holes were punched in the walls of the hall and the doors. The drawers on one of the secretaries' desks were bent out of shape.

All decorative items, including flower pots, pictures, etc., in another office were dumped on the floor.

Apparently only one item was stolen—an adding machine.

Corpus Christi Baptist Association said, "It has brought people together like nothing before. In most cases, those who had food shared with their neighbors."

Two days after the storm, the task force and volunteers at Morgan Avenue Baptist Church waited for the arrival of trucks loaded with food and roofing materials.

The Morgan Avenue church, one of the lesser damaged facilities in the area, had been designated as a relief center.

While relief workers searched for a warehouse that was still intact, Baptists throughout the country were said to be collecting food, money and supplies to aid the victims of the most damaging hurricane to hit the Texas Gulf Coast since 1918.

the fellowship of one congregation to encompass much more than two contiguous socio-economic classes within one sub-culture. (There is oneness in Christ but diversity in the world which is our mission field.) People are known to drive past several Baptist churches to join a congregation in which they feel at home. To reach the multiple cultures in our cities, Baptists must have multiple churches, varied types of congregations. New churches are needed to evangelize this pluralistic, mobile society.

New churches are also needed for (4) the spiritual nurture of our people. The inactive are more effectively involved in the fellowship of a young church than in that of a well-established congregation. The Comradeship of the young church tends to be more open to outsiders and newcomers. Also, the more timid or less talented person is more aware of being needed in the young church. Likewise the recent convert is more readily brought into a responsible position of service.

Responsibility for leadership tends to develop one's talents more rapidly than passive participation. Needing leaders for developing ministries, the new church provides opportunities for the younger Christian that sometimes are not open in the older churches. The new church faces pioneer challenges that often bring the best out of her members.

Finally, new churches are needed for (5) creativity. The rate of change in our technological society is rapidly accelerating. The established institution does not easily change. Structures tend to become rigid to preserve the attainments of the past. Consequently, a denomination of old, established churches may quickly lose touch with a rapidly changing society. New churches, on the other hand, are a product of their times. They tend to be contemporaneous. Without hallowed traditions to preserve, the new church can more easily experiment with new forms as she tries to establish her fellowship and routines. A denomination that hopes to communicate with this generation needs many new churches that can speak to the changing scene and serve as leaven in the conventions and associations.

## Conclusion

Evangelism, nurture and creativity are three vital issues that call for the establishment of new churches. Southern Baptists have a witness too important to hide under a basket. Our testimony must not lose its savor. A great need for this lost world is new and renewed churches to glorify God the Father of our Lord Jesus Christ.

## New Churches...Now

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our population. Consequently, most new church growth has been directed toward the less mobile groups of society—Caucasians, the employed, persons over 30 years of age, parents, homeowners, suburbanites, the self-employed. If church growth is to be instrumental in evangelism, mission outreach must also be aimed at the mobile segments of our nation even though this may be more difficult and expensive. Southern Baptists must begin new churches that can reach the mobil park, the apartment house dweller, the single adult, the childless couple, the impoverished, et al.

The Southern Baptist Convention goal for '67-'69 was the establishment of 1,500 new churches and 1,000 church-type missions, a total of 2,500. Reports indicate that only 1,200 were established—1,300 short of the goal. The goal proposed for '70-'76 is 6,000 churches and 10,000 church-type missions—a rate of 2,285 units per year. To reach that goal, Southern Baptists must make a major change in their present patterns of establishing new churches.

## Causes of the Decline

What has caused the decline in the rate of establishing new churches? A major factor (1) is the current religious recession that evidenced itself in 1958. The Gallup Poll reports a national decline of participation in religious services. Church attendance during an average week in 1966 was down nationally to 43% compared to 49% in 1955. The segment showing the greatest decline includes those between the ages of 18 and 25, the growing edge of the church and society. The proportion of people who think religion is losing its influence on American life has climbed from 14% in 1957 to 67% in 1968. The anti-institutional and a-religious attitudes of the general public make increasingly difficult the establishment of new churches.

Because Southern Baptists had such momentum, the growing indifference of the public was delayed in making an impact on us. But now (2), the statistics show decline in much of our organized life. This second factor contributes to the declining rate of church extension among Southern Baptists. Although total membership continues to increase, most of that is in inactive members. And although total receipts have increased, our people are giving a smaller portion of their income, which means we may be wealthier

people but poorer stewards. We too are finding people less responsive to our programs and witness.

The number of baptisms reported by SBC churches in 1969 was down 4,800 from the figure for 1968. (The peak year for baptisms was 1959.) Sunday School enrollment dropped in '69 by 127,446, the fifth consecutive annual decrease. Churches facing internal decline are not easily motivated to undertake church extension. People who lose enthusiasm for the programs of their church are not likely to establish another. Lagging support of the established churches reduces the dynamic that would establish more churches.

A third factor (3) that has retarded church extension is a changing concept of the church. Size is related to purpose. Increasing numbers view the local congregation less as a worshipping fellowship and more as a ministering institution. As the latter, local church membership must be large in order to fund the ministries. Because of this and the urban trend toward big institutions, the average size of churches is increasing. In 1948 the average Southern Baptist church had a membership of 242. The figure has grown steadily until it was 320 in 1968. One state convention reports a decline in number of churches but an increase in total members. Nevertheless, the growth of general population out-distances church membership growth. Large churches may provide more ministries but they are not essentially more effective in evangelistic outreach.

## Needs for Establishing New Churches

What needs are there for establishing new churches? The primary need is evangelism. One study shows that people tend to be baptized by a church within one mile of their residence. Another reports that people tend not to drive on an average more than twenty (20) minutes one way from home to a church house. This evidence calls for (1) geographic dispersion of churches to win the lost.

Moreover, evangelistic outreach requires (2) enthusiasm and diligent effort. Such qualities are not always found in the established church. Research indicates that new churches are the most effective means of enlisting the unchurched and the inactive member. A concern for evangelism prompts Southern Baptists to undertake the establishment of increasing numbers of new churches.

An evangelistic concern for (3) people of other cultures and ethnic backgrounds calls for the establishment of new churches. Southern Baptists tend to reach only one of the many sub-cultures of our nation. The Gospel is for all people. Yet, it is difficult for





Handbell Choir, Greenlawn Church, Columbia, S.C.

## Annuity Board Shifts

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tary, associate secretary and director, Reed added.

Reed said the long-range planning committee's primary reason for changing officer titles was to improve communication with the business community with which the board must deal in administration of funds from the protection programs.

"Often in the past, the business executive's interpretation of the titles 'executive secretary' or 'associate secretary' has created confusion and delay in official business transaction. The new titles will certainly help correct this interpretation," Reed added.

Under the new organization, 17 full-time executive personnel report to the president and chief executive officer.

The officers and their new titles include three who have been named assistants to the president to serve until they retire in February, 1971. They are Floyd B. Chaffin and Fred W. Noe, senior vice-presidents, and Mrs. Mable McCartney, secretary.

Other officers, their titles and the areas they administer are: L. Taylor Daniel, senior vice-president, heads the Development Division which includes vice-presidents Bayard F. Fox (churches), Gene P. Daniel (agencies) and Ransome W. Sword (insurance).

Frank L. Durham, senior vice-president, heads the Investment Division. Also in this area are vice-presidents Owen Henley (mortgage loans and real estate) and Davey L. Borders (stocks and bonds).

B. J. Chenaunt, vice-president who heads finance and accounting, is also treasurer of the board.

Vice-presidents of other areas include: John D. Blokas, public relations; Harvey H. Kennedy, management systems; J. D. Maricle, member services; and Charles E. Sanford, administrative services.

Mrs. Bernelle Harrison heads up the specialized area of actuarial services and O. Gregory is in charge of leasing and management of the 511 North Akard Building, which houses the Annuity Board.

## Central Ordains Richburg Pastor

Rev. Jimmy L. Talley was ordained to the Gospel Ministry on July 5, at Central Church, Hattiesburg, with Rev. Charles Williams in charge of the services. Rev. Don Ricks and Rev. Ernest Goff gave the charges.



Mr. Talley attended school at Kossuth High School at Corinth. He is married to the former Clara Davis, also of Corinth. They have two sons, 6 and 5 years. Talley has been converted, called to the Ministry, and Licensed at the Central Church, Hattiesburg. He was pastor of Central Mission, 522 Bushman, Hattiesburg, for seven months, before accepting the call to The Richburg Church on June 1.

## June Cooper Accepts State Student Post

Miss June Cooper of Starkville will become associate director of Baptist Student work at Mississippi State University on September 1, succeeding Miss Sharon Applegate who resigns on that date to be married on September 12.



For the past year Miss Cooper has worked with Jerry Merriman, BSU director at State, and Miss Applegate, as a graduate assistant, while completing her Master's Degree in Guidance Education.

She received her B.S. at Mississippi State in June, 1969, and immediately entered graduate school. While at State Miss Cooper was a member of Student Educational Association, representative to Association of Women Students, MSU hostess, BSU Executive Council, served as secretary for the Mississippi State Baptist Student Convention, and is a member of the Mississippi Personnel and Guidance Association.

Her social sorority while at State was Chi Omega and she was a member of Phi Alpha Theta, honorary his-

## First Handbell Choir Clinic Set For Mississippi

Mississippi Baptists' first statewide handbell clinic and concert will be held at the First Baptist Church in Vicksburg Aug. 20, according to Dan C. Hall, director of the Church Music Department of the Mississippi Baptist Convention Board, Jackson, sponsor.

Conducting the clinic will be Thomas H. Westmoreland, state Baptist music director of South Carolina, assisted by the handbell choir of the Greenlawn Baptist Church, Columbia, S. C., and its director, Mrs. Westmoreland.

The highlight of the clinic will be a concert and demonstration lecture directed by Mr. Westmoreland at 7:30 p.m., followed by a mass choir ringing at 8:30.

The program, to begin at 11:00 p.m. will include methods demonstrations, display of materials, discussion of ringing techniques, fellowship and opportunities to tour historic Vicksburg.

Attending the clinic will be many of the 19 handbell choirs in the state as well as other groups interested in beginning a handbell choir.

The planning committee is composed of several ministers of music, as follows: Allyn Moore, host church, coordinator; Bill Santo, Alta Woods Baptist Church, Jackson; Noxie Taylor, First Baptist Church, Louisville; Kenneth Forbus, First Baptist Church, Greenville and Richard Smith, First Baptist Church, Amory.

The Greenlawn choir will render several concerts in the state just prior to the clinic, as follows:

Aug. 16, First Baptist, Amory; 17, First Baptist, Columbus; 18, Baptist Children's Village, Jackson, and 19, First Baptist, Vicksburg.

## SBC Cooperative Gifts Up 2.01%

NASHVILLE (BP) — Contributions through the Southern Baptist Convention's Cooperative Program unified budget for world missions were up 2.01 per cent for the first seven months of 1970 compared to the same period in 1969, a monthly financial report disclosed here.

Total Cooperative Program contributions for 1970 reached nearly \$16.7 million, compared to \$16.3 million for the same period in 1969, said the report prepared by the denomination's Executive Committee.

The \$16.7 million represents an increase of \$329,213, or 2.01 per cent for the year.

John H. Williams, financial planning secretary for the Executive Committee, said that contributions in July, 1970, represented the highest amount of world missions support for any July in the denomination's history.

Cooperative Program contributions for July totaled \$2.4 million, an increase of about .95 per cent over gifts during July of 1969. Williams said the increase was in effect far more significant since one major state sent its July and August checks all during the month of July in 1969, making those figures higher than they actually should have been.

Designated gifts to specific world missions causes during the first seven months, of 1970 stayed at about the same level as the 1969 designations, with \$20.9 million given to specific designated mission causes so far. This is an increase of \$10,429 or .05 per cent over designations for the same period in 1969.

In overall world mission gifts (Cooperative Program and designated gifts combined), the total for 1970 reached \$37.6 million, an increase of .91 per cent or \$339,843 over the 1969 grand total gifts.

## Georgia Foundation Executive To Retire

ATLANTA (BP)—Harry V. Smith Sr., executive secretary of the Georgia Baptist Foundation and Endowment Committee will retire in 1971.

The foundation administers endowment funds for the convention's colleges, benevolent homes, a hospital, and missionary causes.

Miss Cooper's duties will include overseeing all social functions, directing dramas and special vespers services, decorating the Baptist Student Center for all occasions, serving as director of the Freshman Council, assisting with all international functions, and the planning of retreats and conventions.

# Hospital In Gaza

By Herbert Ben-Adi  
Jerusalem Post Reporter

GAZA—The Baptist Hospital in Gaza, near Falastin Square, is the oldest in the district. Founded during the British Mandate by the Church Missionary Society of England, it was taken over in 1953 by the Southern Baptist Foreign Mission Board whose headquarters are in Richmond, Virginia, U.S.A.

The Director of the institute, the Rev. Dr. R. C. McGlamery, took us on a guided tour of this up-to-date institution. Primarily a surgical hospital, it is equipped with modern operating theatres. It has 92 beds and four incubators (the only ones in the Gaza Strip) for premature babies.

Most of the patients are refugees referred to the hospital by UNWRA. This, of course, is what happens under normal circumstances. Today the hospital accepts and saves the lives of many local citizens who are injured by grenades, indiscriminately thrown by terrorists at their own people. Like all hospitals in the Gaza Strip, the Baptist Hospital does not charge fees. They also have an outpatient clinic and a nursing school.

In 1969, 559 patients were admitted for major surgery and 1,418 for minor operations. Caesarean deliveries were necessary in 338 births. In addition to this, 22,250 persons were treated at the outpatients clinic.

In the children's ward the number of plastic operations done is relatively high. In the camps many children are severely burned by pots of boiling water which they inadvertently knock over.

The hospital is staffed by three American and two Palestinian surgeons. The nursing staff is composed of 10 American nurses, two of them holding Masters' degrees in nursing, and a number of well trained local nurses. About 10 students graduate every year from the school with honours. Dr. McGlamery told us that most of the graduate nurses are snatched up by countries as far away as Kuwait, where salaries are higher.

The American staff and their families live in the hospital compound. Dr. McGlamery comes from Ripley, Mississippi; his wife, Oriene, teaches the children of the staff. The second American surgeon, Dr. John Wickman, a specialist in vascular surgery, is from Van Buren, Arkansas. He and his wife Barbara have two daughters, aged seven and nine.

Plasma—Recently, Dr. McGlamery performed a severely injured Grenada victim. The operation took six hours and 31 units of blood plasma were used. The patient was saved. The third of the trio, Dr. Merrill Moore, of Nashville, Tennessee, and his wife Patty, are at present on home leave. They also have two children, a seven-year-old girl and a one-month-old baby born in the U.S. The two Palestinian Doctors are Dr. Silvia Terazi who received her medical education in Cairo, and Dr. Matem Abu Razabi who was trained in England.

Dr. McGlamery stressed the excellent relations with the Israeli authorities and especially with Lt. Col. Shmulik Liran, the liaison officer between the Military Government and the Hospital. As the hospital does not have a chest and neuro-surgeon, cases requiring this kind of surgery are sent to Israeli hospitals with the assistance of the Military Government. Also with the help of the Military Government, the anaesthetist at the hospital underwent a three-month course at the Ashkelon hospital.

Liaison Help—When the hospital runs out of blood

plasma, which does happen, they phone Lt. Col. Liran for help in obtaining additional supplies. Dr. McGlamery did not mention that some time ago the reverse happened. It was the Israeli clinic which ran out of plasma and the hospital which helped, thus saving the life of a soldier. Lacking a pathologist, the hospital is served by the pathologist at Assaf Harofe Hospital. The only complaint Dr. McGlamery had against the Israeli authorities was the the curfew affected them as well.

The annual budget of the hospital comes to \$200,000 and is mainly covered by the Southern Baptist Foreign Mission. UNWRA contributes a small amount per patient.

We asked Dr. McGlamery what his biggest problems are. "Blood donors and the supply of medicines. Arabs are very superstitious about donating blood. But they are gradually accepting the fact that there is no danger involved. The least they can do when we operate on a member of the family free-of-charges is to donate blood for the patient," the doctor said. "The other problem is the supply of medicines. For some reason each shipment takes six to seven months to arrive in Gaza from the U.S. That can cause serious problems."

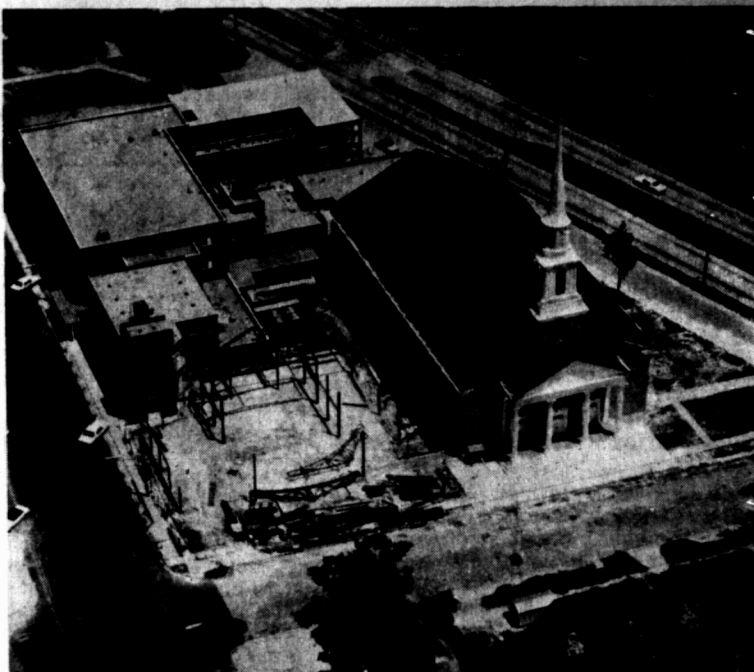
## First, Gulfport In Expansion Program

The First Baptist Church of Gulfport is completing the rebuilding and renovations necessary from the damage of Hurricane Camille which ravaged the Mississippi Gulf Coast just a year ago. Now, under the leadership of Dr. John H. Traylor, pastor, the church is embarked on a building and expansion program that will provide additional space for educational purposes and a new chapel.

Dr. Traylor states that the new three story educational building is expected to be completed on Oct. 1st, ready for occupancy for the new

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THE FIRST BAPTIST CHURCH OF Gulfport is in the midst of an expansion program which will provide additional education space and a new chapel. The new three story educational building can be seen in the upper center of photograph above and "J" shaped building which will house six or more Sunday School Departments. The new chapel which will seat approximately 250 is in the area adjacent to the present sanctuary. Dr. John H. Traylor, pastor, says the educational space will be available for use by October 1st of this year while the chapel will be completed by the end of the year.—Photo by Chauncey T. Hinman.

church year. The new educational space will provide rooms for six or more Sunday School departments. The new chapel will seat approximately 250 and will provide space for small weddings, prayer meetings and similar groups.

The total construction will involve expenditures exceeding \$500,000 which have been made available through insurance settlements from the fire which destroyed the old sanctuary some time ago. Dr. Traylor wants to once again thank the many

contributors throughout the Southern Baptist Convention who so generously aided the recovery after Hurricane Camille. On this first year's anniversary of the storm which tore into the Mississippi Gulf Coast just one year ago on August 17th and 18th, the First Baptist Church of Gulfport as well as the other Baptist institutions along the Mississippi Gulf Coast greatly appreciate the prayers and financial support of the many Baptists throughout the South who extended a helping hand during this great natural disaster.

## Sawed-Off Oil Barrel Gives Vesper Music

By June P. Carter

Nearly everyone has heard of the proverbial missionary barrel, but not everyone has heard a missionary play a hymn on one.

At a vesper service during the Foreign Missions Conference at Ridgecrest, Missions Conference at Ridgecrest, a crowd of 300 heard "I Surrender All" played on the top of a barrel suspended by wires from a wooden stand.

Called a melody pan, the curious instrument found its way to Ridgecrest among the baggage of Otis and Martha Brady, Southern Baptist missionaries on furlough from the South American republic of Guyana.

Made from the sawed-off end of a steel oil barrel, the melody pan, which is not a drum, has a range

of two octaves including a few sharps and flats. It is tuned with an ordinary carpenter's hammer. Lacking a hammer prior to the missions conference, Mrs. Brady tuned hers with a croquet mallet. Two short sticks, the ends of which are wrapped with rubber, provide percussion.

The melody pan has two sister-instruments, the bass and the strumming pan. The strumming pan is deeper in size and voice than a melody pan, and the bass is deepest of all. A variety of the steel pans, forming a band, can play a simple calypso rhythm or a complicated symphony.

The instruments are made by first cutting off the top of an oil drum to the desired depth. The top of the section is then hammered into a concave shape.

The various "keys" are raised rounded areas outlined by a tool that almost, but not quite, perforates the surface. The pan's playing surface could be described as a blistered concave, each blister producing a different note when struck. Lower tones are played near the rim, and higher ones deeper in the concave. A sour note can be tuned by pounding the area from the top to raise the tone, or from underneath to lower the tone.

Originated in Trinidad soon after World War III, steel pans have been enthusiastically adopted in Guyana. The instruments are inexpensively made; oil is imported in barrels, and one may be had for as little as 50 cents. It takes power, however, to pound up the tonal blisters.

MISSIONARY PAYS "Musical Barrel": Mrs. Otis W. Brady plays the two-octave melody pan, one of the steel instruments widely used in the South American country of Guyana, where she and her husband serve as Southern Baptist missionaries. The instrument, made from the end of a used oil drum, has been adopted for use in Guyanese churches. Mr. and Mrs. Brady, now on furlough, are making their home in Landrum, S. C.



## Broadmoor Choir On 7-State Tour

The Chapel Choir of Broadmoor Church, Jackson, left on a concert tour through seven states Tuesday August 11. The 2,100 mile tour, led by Harry W. Thompson, Minister of Music, will include sight seeing, sacred concerts, and programs for church-wide fellowships after each concert.

The Choir, composed of forty-five senior-high and college young people will sing arrangements in a variety of styles and themes. Hymns, chorales, spirituals, and anthems will be sung featuring sounds both traditional and contemporary and all conveying the Christian Message.

An added feature on the Concert program will be the recitations by the recently organized Choral Speech Group. They are directed by Mrs. Ed Hamilton. They will interpret through solo and group speech "Psalm 8," "Indifference," "Awareness," "Today I Met A Man" and others. Members of the Speech Group include: Donna Crause, Susan Clark, Olivia Grant, Georgia Griffin, Carol Ann Lowther, Joy McNeese, Peggy Vaughn, Wallace Berry, Dodd Bouchillon, Sam Keyes, Bob Mayes, and Danny Sartin.

Harry W. Thompson, Minister of Music at Broadmoor in Jackson, will direct the concert. Len Bobo, church organist, is the accompanist. Mrs. John Menist, music assistant, and Mr. and Mrs. Ed Hamilton will serve as sponsors.

## Miss Gladys Keith Has Heart Attacks

Miss Gladys Keith, long-time employee of the Home Mission Board with the Rachel Sims Mission in New Orleans, La., recently suffered a massive heart attack. Miss Keith, who retired from her work with the Home Mission Board several years ago, is now in the Kilmichael Clinic in Kilmichael, Miss. She is slightly improved. Her many friends may send cards to her at the clinic in Kilmichael.

Note: more recent news reports that Miss Keith has suffered a second heart attack and is in very serious condition.

## Fisher Has Sabbatical

MILL VALLEY, Calif. (BP)—Fred L. Fisher, professor of New Testament interpretation at Golden Gate Baptist Theological Seminary here, has departed for Great Britain where he will devote sabbatical studies at Cambridge University.

Fisher will study at Cambridge during the fall and spring. In addition he will also do research for portions of a one-volume Bible Commentary to be published by Broadman Press, and for a text book on New Testament theology.

## "Church Curriculum" Theme Of Education Association Meet

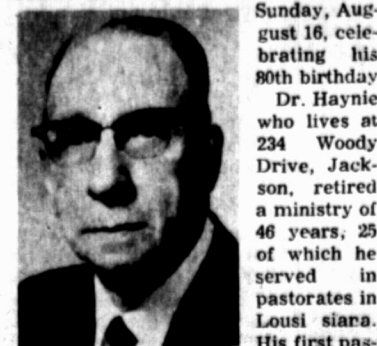
"Toward An Adequate Church Curriculum" is the theme of the fiftieth anniversary session of the Southwestern Baptist Religious Education Association, August 18-20, at Southwestern Baptist Theological Seminary, Ft. Worth, Texas.

The program has been planned so that each conferee will attend one session for each age division. He will thus be exposed to comprehensive interpretation of Southern Baptist curriculum materials for the 1970's. Editors of curriculum materials from the Sunday School Board and Brotherhood Commission will lead the conferences. In addition, a special conference on "Using Television in Teacher-Leader Training" will be conducted.

Special features include recognition of past presidents of the association, twenty-two of whom will attend the sessions. Curriculum writers for 1970 will be honored at a fellowship reception on Tuesday evening, following the evening session.

## To Preach At Daniel On 80th Birthday

Dr. Walter Robert Haynie will preach at the morning service at the Daniel Memorial Church, Jackson, on Sunday, August 16, celebrating his 80th birthday.



Dr. Haynie who lives at 234 Woody Drive, Jackson, retired a ministry of 46 years, 25 of which he served in pastorates in Louisiana.

His first pastorate was at First Church, Glenmora, Louisiana, and his last, First Church, Gretna, Louisiana, where he served for 20 years. He served churches in Missouri, Tennessee, Alabama and Mississippi.

Dr. Allen O. Webb is pastor of the Daniel Church, where Dr. and Mrs. Haynie have been members since his retirement.

Dr. Haynie's children and friends will honor him with a reception on August 16 in the home of his daughter, Mrs. Robert W. King, of Jackson.



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JOE T. ODLE, Editor

### Can We Have Revival Today?

Is the day of great revivals past?

We read with thrill and excitement of the revivals at Pentecost, at Ephesus, and at other places in the Bible, and find ourselves crying, "O, Lord, do it again!"

We look back through history and see mighty revivals which came through men of God who were used to bring people to repentance and to faith in our Lord Jesus Christ. Even in recent decades we rejoice in the way God used Moody, Torrey, and others. But, can it happen today?

A proof that it can happen today is Billy Graham, a man whom God is using, to reach more people with the gospel message, than any other man who ever has lived. But, there presses upon us the question, "Is Billy Graham the only person God can use to bring revival in our day?"

The answer is coming through very clear. God is using many other men and churches to bring revival now. Most of them do not get the publicity that Dr. Graham gets; nevertheless, things are happening as revivals are being felt in many places.

Reports have been in the news in recent months of revivals breaking out in various colleges quietly in a chapel service in a Kentucky College, and the serv-

ice did not end for days. Many were brought to Christ, and hundreds came closer to God than they ever had been. This has been repeated on several college campuses.

Then came reports of a revival in one Texas Baptist Church where more than 700 made professions of faith. In Pasadena, Texas, there were 861 professions during a revival in a Baptist Church there. First Baptist Church, Hobbs, New Mexico, has just held a revival in which there were 248 professions. Another church in Texas, had over 100 professions on a recent Sunday, and it was not during a revival meeting. Within the past few weeks the Baptist Record has carried stories of amazing and thrilling revival experiences in Mississippi churches.

One of the most encouraging parts of these reports is that many of those who are coming to Christ are teen-agers. Thus the claim that the gospel of Jesus Christ does not appeal to youth is proved to be utterly false. The youth of our day are ready to respond to the truth of God's word when it is presented to them. Yet, the same gospel also reaches adults.

We can have revival today! When God's people draw near to Him, pray unceasingly, and meet his conditions for revival, mighty revival will come to sweep over the land.

It is time to pray for such revival everywhere now!

### The Baptism Issue

The American Baptist Convention in Cincinnati a few weeks ago, spent some time discussing the baptism issue. One of the questions was whether non-immersed persons could serve as delegates (Southern Baptists call them messengers) to the convention. The final decision was that churches which accept non-immersed persons as members should not send them as delegates to the convention. One state leader did get through a resolution which "urged the churches to strengthen this witness in their faith and practice" of immersion.

Another question which was debated was whether non-immersed ministers who came to American Baptists from other denominations should be recognized as American Baptist pastors. This finally was referred to the General Council to make sure "only those who have been immersed will be recognized as fully ordained American Baptist ministers." One observer said that

this would make non-immersed pastors second class ministers if the Council acts to that effect.

Two observations seem to be very appropriate, on the basis of such reports. First, they reveal what happens to Baptists when they begin to let down the bars in the matter of baptism. Churches first begin to receive alien (non-Baptist) immersion, and then some of them go further to accept sprinkling and pouring as baptism. Finally the convention itself is affected. One American Baptist leader personally said to this writer that he thought baptism ought to be done away with.

In the second place, we cannot but wonder why a minister who does not believe that the "immersion of a believer, on the authority of a New Testament church" is the only New Testament baptism, wants to be a member of a Baptist church anyway. And even more strange is why a Baptist church would want such a man as pastor. We cannot help but wonder.

### Guest Editorial

### "Our Textbook Is The Bible"

By W. A. Criswell  
in First Baptist Reminder

Earnestly would I like to see our divisional directors and all of our leaders and teachers who have part in our educational program to place in our teaching ministry more and more Bible content. This will mean the reworking of any lesson that you present. Remember, literature is for background material. Our text book is the Bible and we are to teach the Word of God.

The question is often asked concerning the capacity of little children to be taught the Scriptures. In my humble and prayerful opinion, a child can be taught the stories of the Bible just as easily and just as simply and just as effectively as he can be taught the stories about anything else. Why take the time to teach the child about shopping escapades, industrial complexes and the gadgets of modern life as though he could understand these things more certainly than he could understand the stories about the baby Samuel or the Baby Jesus? There are thousands of people who are ready to teach the child all of these other things out here in the world, but who is going to teach the child about the Lord and about the revelation of truth in God's Holy Book if we do not do it?

As the Pastor of the church, therefore, and as God's Under-shepherd for the congregation of the First Baptist Church of Dallas, I am herewith asking our divisional directors and our pedagogical leadership to use whatever background material they can to help them in teach-

ing the Word of God, but they are to teach the Word of God. This ultimately means that the background material you use I do not know, nor is it of any particular concern to me one way or another. Wherever you can find that material to help you teach the Word of God, find it, use it, and God bless it to the heart and soul of the child. But I say again and I repeat it with emphasis, we are down here at the First Baptist Church to teach the Bible. It is our text book from the cradle to the grave, from the nursery child to the aged adult, from the time we are born until the time we die. We are to remember what the Apostle Paul said about Timothy in II Timothy 3:15: "And that from a child thou hast known the holy Scriptures, which are able to make thee wise unto salvation through faith which is in Christ Jesus." Look at that verse carefully. It says "from a child thou hast known the holy Scriptures." He started off his second letter to the pastor of the church at Ephesus, his son in the ministry, Timothy, speaking of the unfeigned faith which dwelt first in his grandmother Lois and in his mother Eunice and now in Timothy also (II Timothy 1:5). All of his life, Paul says that Timothy was taught the Word of God. I do not think we can improve upon it. However smart anyone may think himself to be and however many degrees he may boast, I am not convinced that he is wiser than God and that he knows more how to teach our children than the Lord God has shown us in the revealed Scriptures.

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### WHY CARRY IT AROUND?



### NEWEST BOOKS

**A BIBLE SEARCH FOR ASSURANCE** by L. E. Green (Published by Author, Box 1493, Pascagoula, Miss. 39567, 32 large pages, paper, \$1.75; \$2.00 postpaid by mail. Available in Bookstores). Subtitle: A Brief interpretation of Christianity, Salvation, Everlasting Life, Death and Eternity in Christian Experience. Using unusual and very effective color

line charts along with outline study, the author depicts the eternal existence of God, man's failures in efforts to reach Him, and God's provision of redemption for him. The study begins with man's creation, then shows the separation because of sin, and man's need of God. A concise study is made of major religions as man's efforts to reach God. Then Christ is presented as the Son of God and Saviour. Comparison is made of Christianity and the various religions of man. Salvation, is presented, with discussion of how it comes and what it means. Christian experience, Christian living, Christian assurance, and finally Christian transition to heaven as the consummation of God's plan is in outline form, yet thorough in its presentation. It is fully based upon scripture and many Scripture references are used. A special appendix on the work of the Holy Spirit is included. The book will have great value both for individual and class or group study.

**ADULT SUNDAY SCHOOL PLAN BOOK, 1970-71; YOUTH SUNDAY SCHOOL PLAN BOOK, 1970-71; BIBLE TEACHING PROGRAM PLAN BOOK, 1970-71; PRESCHOOL SUNDAY SCHOOL PLANBOOK, 1970-71** (Convention Press, paperback around 50 pp. each).

Planbooks for the new Sunday school curriculum for 1970-71, including "lesson capsules," lists of resources, VBS helps, planning tools, achievement guides, discussion of the various age groups, etc.

**HAPPINESS IS GOD'S GIFT** by Robert M. McMillan (Broadman, \$2.95, 95 pp.).

This energetic treatment of the Beatitudes has a style that is exciting and different. The reader will find practical ideas on how to live a happy life. The fresh inspirational approach to the familiar material, the inside line art, the wrap-around jacket are commendable features.

**NINE EYES HAVE SEEN THE GLORY** by Anita Bryant (Fleming H. Revell, 159 pp., \$3.95). It's a long way from rural Oklahoma to the White House, but beautiful Anita Bryant

made it in 28 years. The night she lifted her tremendous voice to sing "Battle Hymn of the Republic," the President of the United States led his world-famous guests in a standing ovation. Anita's success story is an unforgettable one. She has received countless professional honors since she became, at 18, second runner-up to Miss America in Atlantic City. She has appeared 14 times at the White House. In 1968 she was the first vocalist to appear on the podiums of both Democratic and Republican Conventions. She is the youngest American ever to receive the USO Silver Medallion Award, and the youngest citizen ever elected to Oklahoma Hall of Fame. Millions of Americans know her through her appearances with Billy Graham Crusades, and with evangelist Oral Roberts. She is married to Robert Erair Green, and they have four children. "One of America's most dynamic members of the New generation, outspoken Anita Bryant insists on telling it like it is."

**MEN WHO KNEW GOD** by William L. Harrison (95 cents, paperback, 196 pp.).

Here are stories of the great personalities of the Old Testament, men who were great because they were faithful when God called them.

### 'Whiskey At The Wheel'

On Best Seller List

NASHVILLE — "Whiskey at the Wheel," a recent Broadman Press release by J. Marse Grant, made the best seller list for May in the "Christian Bookseller" magazine, a trade publication serving the religious book industry.

The book was listed in 12th place as the result of a survey of book stores representing independent, denominational and general book stores located throughout the country. It is also now distributed in paperback.

The theme of "Whiskey at the Wheel" is expressed in the subtitle: "The Scandal of Driving and Drinking." Grant uses newspaper articles and personal testimonies on the subject of automobile accidents involving drinking drivers in an attempt to expose the last effects of such tragedies.

Grant is editor of "The Biblical Recorder," journal of the Baptist State Convention of North Carolina. Earlier this year he was instrumental in initiating a "Highway Safety Sunday" in that state.

"Whiskey at the Wheel" is available in Baptist and general book stores across the nation.

## THE BAPTIST FORUM

### Distressed About Preacher's Names On Chain Letters

Dear Dr. Odle:

I have a burden on my heart for some of my preacher brethren who are hooked on this CHAIN LETTER, deal. I have received two such letters in the last month. They look like an easy and honest way to raise some needed finance real easy. Perhaps you are familiar with my recent trip to our hospital and the need I have for some extra finance at this time. But not me for this way of getting it.

May I pass on to you, and to my preacher friends (and all church members everywhere) some of my knowledge of this scheme? PLEASE. It is a gambler's game. The person who starts these letters have captured all of the suckers before the general public can get in on the deal. I will not take time to explain in this letter how the gambler works, but will be happy to tell you when I am

in your office again. The following is a brief account:

The originator of the scheme starts with not less than ten thousand letters. The first four names on the letters are his own assumed names with select post offices where he will receive his mail. NOW, if he starts with ten thousand letters, by the time his names are off the list, he has reached all those who are foolish enough to follow him. He could reach as many as 84,210,000 if he got 100% cooperation. You can't win that way. EX-AMPLE: Suppose this originator put 100 letters in Mississippi the first day of July 1970. How long would it be until preachers would be receiving the second letter just as I have? 20x100=20,000.

It pays to use a pencil and figure a little before pursuing an undertaking like this.

Yours in Christ's Kingdom Work,  
V. R. Crider

(EDITORS NOTE: Postal authorities condemn these letters as gambling schemes. They should be avoided by preachers and all other Christians.)



A Woman's World Reaches Far

### Beyond the Ironing Board

Wilda Fancher

### Reminiscence That Took Place March 31, 1970

I remember a certain night about 8:30. James Neil, the youngest, having been piously prayerful and tenderly tucked-in, communicated from his room to the den, "Daddy, I told Mrs. A. (his teacher) that you would bring a Christmas tree for our room at 7:45 in the morning."

James said to James Neil, "Great. Now I can get up at 4:30 instead of 5:30." To me he said, "Any batteries in the flashlight?"

I remember a certain morning about 7:55. Frank, the middle one, was leaving for school. He stuck his head back in the door and yelled, "Mama, I told Mrs. B. (his teacher) you would bring three dozen eggs for our Easter Egg Hunt today at one o'clock."

"Glad you let me know," I said cheerfully, and mentally stuck my tongue out at the child psychologists who say Mamas should never show shock.

I remember a certain Sunday night about eight o'clock. Bobby, the oldest said, "Mama, I have to have my tennis outfit (available no closer than 30 miles away) tomorrow so you can bring it when you come to Latin class (I go at one o'clock)."

"Fine, that makes 153 things I must do before one o'clock tomorrow." It didn't sound as if it had come through gritting teeth.

These three incidents may be exaggerated by a few minutes, but not many. It's things like these that splinter my well-planned days.

The tennis-outfit episode happened only last night. Today I rearranged my morning (meaning I put off 153 of the 153 things) and headed my trusty, rusty chariot northward to Tupelo. They say the early bird gets the worm. All I got was to wait. Not that I wanted a worm. I was so early no stores were open.

It took some doing, that's for sure.

but I got everything together to comprise a first class tennis outfit. When I wheeled out of the last store with the final item, I thought, "It's ridiculous for those boys to wait until the last minute for everything." And I got provoked all over again.

Almost leaving a trail of smoke, I marched across the parking lot, resolutions forming in my head that I would never again let one of them get by with such behavior. Then some other thoughts crowded in. Thoughts that sort of shook me up and shrunk me down. I seemed to be addressed, "Child, you don't really do very much better yourself, do you?"

It wasn't easy to allow proofs to flood into my mind. A Saturday night (sometimes even a Sunday morning) when I said, "Father, I have about an hour to get this Sunday school lesson ready to teach. Please help me." A mission book to teach, and I had the nerve, at four o'clock, two and a half hours before teaching time, to say, "Father, I just haven't had time to get this as ready as I should. Please help me get it done o.k." Task after task when, at the last minute, I had called for His help.

And you know, don't you, that my heavenly Father came through, strengthening my weakness, those two times (and on seventy-times-seven other occasions) just like we came through with the Christmas tree, the three dozen eggs, and the tennis outfit?

But like the Bible says, "How much greater gifts does the Father in heaven know how to give." For little boys or teenagers those tangible things were pretty good. But for me, a Christian adult, how much greater the gift of security I have in God's love, how much greater the gift of always available strength, how much greater the gift - knowledge that God is eternal, how much greater the gift of personal peace with God.



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### EDUCATION

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### Ups And Downs Of Life

By Dr. Richard Brannon  
Life can sometimes become quite complicated. A friend once said that when things start going wrong, you better watch out for they tend to get steadily worse.

I felt for years that this is the trouble with trouble, it begets trouble. There's a snowballing effect about human problems. Before we realize it, things can get completely out of hand.

Those of us who are younger, and lacking the wisdom that comes by experience, can easily assume that when events are favorable they will surely persist. Experience teaches that in this life many things can go sour overnight. Every segment of man's life is a fluctuation. It is a tide that ebbs and flows; it's a wave that swells and rolls. When things go well, they go extremely well. When they go bad, they can go extremely bad.

Consider, for example, this letter from a sister to her brother: "Dear Douglas: After a recent ordeal, our rented home was damaged and my husband volunteered to repair it. He found the tornado had knocked some brick from the top. He rigged up a beam and pulley and he and a friend hoisted a couple of barrels of brick. After he fixed the roof, there was a lot of brick left over. He hoisted the barrel up again and secured the line at the bottom. Then he went up and filled the barrel with the extra brick, returned to the bottom and cast off the line. Unfortunately the barrel of brick was heavier than he and when the barrel started down, he started up. He hung on. Half way up he met the barrel coming down and received a severe blow on the shoulder. He then continued to the top and banged his head against the beam and got his finger jammed in the pulley. When the barrel hit the ground, it burst its bottom allowing the brick to spill out. He was now heavier than the empty barrel and so started down again at high speed. Half way down, he met the barrel coming up and received a severe injury to his shin. When he hit the ground, he landed on the brick getting several painful cuts and bruises from the sharp edges. At this point, he must have lost his presence of mind because he let go of the line, the barrel came down again giving him another heavy blow on the head and putting him in the hospital. My question is this, is he covered under our insurance plan? With his luck, I'd venture to guess that he wasn't. Signed: Your sister, Virginia."

You know something, life is full of ups and downs as dramatically presented in this letter. What goes up, must come down. Wisemen aren't overly upset by this fluctuations of life. They are, however, concerned about being buffeted and battered by clinging too close to an uncontrollable situation.

In a recent survey of 60,447 faculty members, more than half said they:

considered themselves intellectuals disapproved of the "emergence of radical student activism" thought campus demonstrations were a threat to academic freedom thought most undergraduates were satisfied with their education voted for Hubert Humphrey in 1968

Most take liberal to left-wing positions on matters of national and international policy, but become more conservative on matters that affect their own self-interest. It would seem they are politically liberal and educationally conservative.

The survey is part of a project of the Carnegie Commission on Higher Education.

Among other findings in the survey: Nearly half agree that "most American colleges reward conformity and crush student creativity."

Less than half agree that "more minority group undergraduates should be admitted here even if it means relaxing normal academic standards of admission."

Almost 60 percent disagreed that "the concentration of federal and foundation research grants in the big institutions is corrupting to the institutions and the men that get them."

The census bureau recently said that college and university enrollment last fall was 7,435,000, an increase of 9.3 percent over the fall enrollment of 1968. The bureau which uses sampling techniques to arrive at its figures, said Negro enrollment in college was 492,000, an increase to 13 percent over 1968.

Curvature of the moral spine is an affliction which only the Great Physician can cure.

Do what you can, where you are, with what you have.

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# 300 Converts Reported In Spain Revivals

With about half of the churches reporting, there have been more than 300 professions of faith in Christ during the Spanish Baptist Union's second nationwide evangelism crusade.

About 50 churches and 10 mission stations took part in the crusade. The campaigns were divided into four periods of one week each between April 27 and May 24.

Promoters of the campaign termed it "very solid." They said the churches were "better prepared than they were five years ago," when the first nationwide crusade took place.

On the central east coast of Spain, where the cities of Valencia and Alicante are located, the number of conversions was tentatively listed as about 175.

Spanish Baptist leaders said that, based on information so far, they could tell no striking difference in the churches on the other hand. The majority are unregistered.

The churches which had registered under the 1967 religious liberty law generally were able to use a wider variety of public contacts. However, at least one church — Second Baptist Church, Valencia — felt the crippling arm of the authorities even

though it was registered.

Police, acting on Catholic protests, ripped down more than 250 revival announcement posters affixed to walls in the church's neighborhood. The church had authorization direct from Madrid from the national secretariat of the ministry of information and tourism to put up the posters.

The church has subsequently filed a complaint in court, contending that police who tore down the posters violated the church's rights under the 1967 law.

The unregistered First Baptist Church in downtown Valencia reported that about 200 people visited the church during the revival who had never visited it before. Some stayed through an entire service while a few remained only a short time and left before a service was over.

The church reported 22 inquirers who came forward publicly. Several others declined to come forward for counseling after raising their hands in the pews indicating interest in a commitment to Christ, pastor Juan Torras said.

The registered Second Baptist Church of Valencia received five — all newcomers — by profession of faith

during the revival week but it had just received eight converts during the weeks prior to the campaign, said pastor Jose Ortega.

The 60 member church at Jaen, in south central Spain, reported nine converts, three of them newcomers. The other six belonged to families already attending the church.

Second Baptist Church, Madrid, had gone for a long time without any decisions for Christ. About 20 persons made professions of faith there during the campaign.

The Baptist church in Albacete showed the Billy Graham film, "The Restless Ones," in a movie house during its pre-campaign period. More than 1,000 persons came to see the film. The Baptist church is the only Protestant church in Albacete.

The union's largest church, First Church, Madrid, with over 500 members, has a continuing evangelistic emphasis, whether a revival is going on or not. No special surge of conversions was reported during the revival week. However, conversions take place all along throughout the year in this church. —(EBPS).



THESE GIRLS browsed in the lending library which is a part of the new Baptist complex in Beirut, Lebanon, when the facilities were formally opened. The library has attracted hundred of regular users, including many Muslims. Baptists who work in the library counsel with anyone who shows an interest in learning about Christianity. —(Photo by Munir Nasr)

## Finnish Project Climaxes In 1972

Finnish-speaking Baptists are engaged in a three-year plan of evangelism that will climax in 1972.

The first year, 1970, is one for informing pastors and evangelists and winning their support. Next year, the plan will be presented to the 1,000 members of churches in the Baptist union.

The final year will be one of reaching out nationwide to the public.

The union is stressing the idea of "planned evangelism." Person-to-person evangelism is placed at the very heart of the Finnish program.

"We strongly feel that we must forsake the type of evangelism that centers only around the pastor and the church building for one which makes the individual Christian the key witness through personal contacts," a representative of the evangelism committee said. — (EBPS)

## "From Gangland To Glory"

By John L. Wardle, Evangelist  
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My name is John Louis Wardle. I was born February 4th, 1932, in Alton, Illinois. Alton is a city that borders the Mississippi River and has a population of approximately 50,000 people.

When I was seven, my mother and father were divorced, and this threw the great big world I lived in "topsy turvy." A couple of years later my mother remarried, and my brothers and I had a complete family once again. My stepfather has been a wonderful and I will always be indebted to the Lord for bringing him to us.

At the age of 12, I was attending a revival service at the Main Street Baptist Church in Alton when I fell deeply under conviction because of my sins. The minister said to the congregation, "Will YOU Continue to Reject Jesus Christ?" I said to myself, "NO!", and that night I went forward and received Jesus as my Saviour. I ran all the way home to tell my mother. Oh, my friends, it was the greatest hour of my life! The Bible says: "If we confess our sins, He is faithful and just to forgive us of our sins, and to cleanse us of all unrighteousness" (1 John 1:9). Thank God for His forgiveness!

At the age of 18, I fell in love with a lovely little lady by the name of Ruby Parker. After we had been married for awhile, I grew restless as many young people do. Our church going was "on - again - off - again - Finnagin," if you know what I mean. I began drifting from the Lord and the further I went, the worse it got. It wasn't long before Ole Lucifer had a real grip on me. YOUNG PEOPLE, listen to the words of the Apostle Peter: "Be sober, be vigilant, because your adversary, the Devil, like a roaring lion walketh about seeking whom he may devour."

Before I knew it, I found myself caught up in a motorcycle gang. Now don't get the wrong idea, having a motorcycle is fine, if you ride it safely and do not get involved in gangland. It all seemed so innocent at first, but soon we were doing things that were unlawful. Drinking lead to fighting, and fighting lead to gang wars. Many people were hurt needlessly, including myself. The brawls got so bad that one of the honky-tonks had to close up because of the damage done to it. Praise the Lord! I wish they would all close. Three boys in the gang were killed on their motorcycles. Two others went to prison for rape, and three went to prison for armed robbery.

One morning I awoke with the sunlight in my eyes, and my back ached because the "bed" I slept on was a sheet of half-inch boiler plate with 2" holes all over it. Not even a mattress. Nothing. Later that same day, my brother Bill and I were caught fighting, and were jailed for disturbing the peace. As I had done so many times before, I promised God I would straighten out if he would help me this one last time. Two days later, I would be back at it again. By this time, my mother was becoming increasingly alarmed and prayed very hard that the Lord would bring me back to him. My wife too, had warned me for the last time that our marriage was quickly coming to an end. The

horrible thing was that Satan had me so blinded that I really didn't care what I did. "But if our gospel be hid to them that are lost; In whom the god of this world had blinded the minds of them which believe not, lest the light of the glorious gospel of Christ, who is the image of God, should shine unto them." (II Cor. 4:3-4).

By this time I was 24 years old and still serving the Devil as hard as I knew how. My mother continued to invite me to church and I promised her that one of these days I would go. One night I did go; to a revival meeting at the Curdie Heights Baptist Church in Alton. After entering the church, I sat way in the back (like most good Baptists do). I thought to myself, "I'll just sit there and preach his way out of a paper sack, and all these people are a bunch of hypocrites. I swore if I ever got out of there I would never return. But the preacher began to speak and I felt as though my mother had given him a book about me, and that he had read every word of it. The next night I found myself back at the revival meeting, only this time I sat a little closer to the front. By the end of the week, I knew that I had to forsake my old way of life and return home as the Prodigal Son.

The following Sunday morning my dear wife Ruby and I went down the aisle of happiness! When I was 12, I had accepted the Lord Jesus as my Saviour, but now I was accepting Him as my LORD and Saviour! Take my word for it; there is a difference. LIVING, he loved me; DYING, He saved me; BURIED, He carried my sins far away; RISING, He justified freely forever, someday He's coming — Oh, that Glorious Day!

One year later, my wife and I walked that aisle once again. This time we were dedicating our lives to the Lord for full time Christian service. It was not long after that that we were called to our first pastorage; the Paradise Baptist Church in Jerseyville, Illinois. My, what wonderful people! They were so kind to us. The church was small physically, but great spiritually!

About two years later, my wife and I and our three children moved to Vero Beach, Fla. I did Evangelistic work while in Florida, and after a year we moved to Hattiesburg, Mississippi to attend William Carey College. After graduation we were saddened because we had to leave the Beacon Baptist Church where we had spent four glorious years. We moved to Pearlington, Mississippi, where we were called to the First Southern Baptist Church. I attended the New Orleans Theological Seminary in New Orleans, Louisiana.

Yes, our God has been wonderful to us, and has saved me from Gangland and brought me to Glory in the wonderful, wonderful service for my Lord and King. We have had the privilege of proclaiming His glorious Gospel from the North to the South and from the East to the West, and we thank Him for using us and pray that He will continue to use us in His glorious service.

If you have never met my Jesus, you can! Simply tell him: "Lord, I am sorry for all the sins of my life, and I am willing to repent and forsake them. I do accept Jesus as my Lord and Saviour, and I am willing to live for him from now to eternity." My friends, He will save you and take you from Sin to Safety, from Hell to Heaven, and even from Gangland to Glory. Oh, praise His wonderful name!

## Muslim Bride Accepts Christ In Foreign Mission Meeting

By June P. Carter

A young Muslim bride made a profession of faith in Christ during the recent Foreign Missions Conference at the Baptist assembly at Ridgecrest, N. C.

Harold Matadin, 21, and his 20-year-old bride of two weeks, Janet, arrived June 15 in Charlotte, N. C., after an 18-hour plane trip from their home in the South American republic of Guyana. They were met by their friends Otis and Martha Brady, missionaries on furlough from Guyana.



JANET AND HAROLD MATADIN (left) and their friends Otis and Martha Brady, missionaries to Guyana, discuss Mrs. Matadin's recent conversion to Christianity. Reared in a Muslim home in Guyana, Mrs. Matadin made her profession of faith during the Foreign Missions Conference held at Ridgecrest (N.C.) Baptist Assembly, June 18-24. The two couples are seated in front of Pritchell Hall, the assembly's administration building. —(Photo by W. Robert Hart)

Several days later the two couples headed for Ridgecrest. Harold and Janet had advanced their wedding date in order to attend the conference.

The Matadins, both of East Indian descent, made friends easily at the Baptist assembly. Oddly, one evening they were seated at separate tables for dinner. It turned out that two tables of Baptists from Ridgeville, S.C., each anxious to sit with Harold and

Janet, had settled the matter as equitably as King Solomon himself: they had divided the honeymooners between them, not learning until later that they were newlyweds.

Harold and Janet enjoyed meeting new friends at Ridgecrest. But both were even happier about the Friend that Janet had found. Glancing up with shining eyes at the surrounding tree-clad mountains, Harold said, "I am so glad we came to Ridgecrest; now my wife has found Christ."

They met quite by accident. Last year on his birthday, August 18, Harold saw Janet as he was passing her house. They spoke, and it was love at first sight for both, they said at Ridgecrest.

Harold walked to the corner and asked a little boy the girl's name; the boy replied by volunteering Janet's telephone number as well. From a nearby phone booth, Harold made a date with her for the following day. He asked her to a movie, but they went instead to a park, where they sat and told one another about themselves.

A strict father, could go out once a month, and then only in the afternoon. She said that each month between dates seemed like a year. "I was proud," said Harold. "It was better than none at all."

Their courtship proceeded under these conditions, Janet's father was suspecting his daughter was seeing a Christian until one day, sister-like, her sister told him.

Harold then came to Janet's home to declare his intentions honorable, but the Muslim father did not want a Christian son-in-law. Warning the young man in paradoxically biblical language to stay away from his

daughter, he said, "I am a good shepherd; I care for my sheep."

"I was afraid of him," Harold said with a grin. "He had a gun."

"But he showed you how to use it!" Janet reminded her husband.

"That was a clever way of showing Harold he had one," observed Otis Brady, who was present during the conversation.

After Harold was dismissed from her home, Janet refused to eat. Finally, her father, fearing she would die, consented to the courtship and to her marriage to Harold. They were wed five weeks later in her home by Southern Baptist missionary Charles P. Love.

Harold said he has fallen in love with the United States and would like to stay here. Their tourist visas are good for three months, but Harold, a welder by trade who also does electrical wiring, hopes that somehow he will find a sponsor. Then he could obtain a work permit and settle in the country.

Harold's 19-year-old brother, a lay pastor in a Guyanese Baptist mission, University and will arrive in the United States later in the summer.

Janet professed her faith in Christ following the first Christian worship service she had ever attended. R. Keith Parks, a member of the Foreign Mission Board administrative staff, led the service, and his words brought tears to Janet's eyes. Now she hopes to be baptized soon in the United States.

Asked if her father would object when he learned of her conversion, Janet glanced at Harold from under dark lashes and answered shyly, "I'm under my husband's supervision now."

## Built By Church Members

## Sardis Dam's New Sanctuary Will Bid Vacationers Welcome

When Sardis Lake Church moves into its new sanctuary sometime in September, 1970; it will be the realization of a dream.

It all began in 1956, when a group of interested people in Sardis Church established a mission on the Sardis Dam road, and named it Sardis Lake Baptist Mission. "By working nights and Saturdays, we were able to erect a mission building," Burnie Keating of Sardis said. "It consisted of an auditorium and four Sunday school rooms."

Mr. Keating and Wallace Moore, the two men most instrumental in establishing the mission, were guest speakers on May 24, Founder's Day. They reminisced about the "early days of the mission."

The mission became a church in 1966, and as it grew, the need for more space became evident. So in

August 1968, with a membership of 99, the church voted to begin construction of a new building.

"For about a year, we visited and looked at other church buildings," Benny Horne, a member of the building committee, said. "Then, we invited Dennis Conniff, architectural consultant from the State Sunday School Department, to visit our church."

Mr. Conniff provided plans for a long-range building program. "The church decided to build the auditorium first," Rev. Lamar Barnett said. "It will have a seating capacity of 140." The educational annex, to be built next, will contain additional classrooms, a kitchen, and recreational facilities. The entire plant will be of colonial type architecture with all masonry construction.

"We financed through the Church Savings and Loan Association in Jack-

son," the pastor continued. "We sold \$15,000 worth of church bonds, yielding 7% interest."

The church hired a building superintendent to oversee construction. The members, themselves, have done much of the construction. It is a common sight to see men, after working on various jobs all day, gather to work on the building until ten or eleven o'clock at night.

The men estimate that "we have put in about 1,200 man hours," which at \$2.50 an hour would be \$3,000. They have put all the glass in the windows, and have painted all the inside of the building. Besides, they have helped put up about 275 feet of ceiling mold, and helped put down 1,620 square feet of floor tile.

"The wonderful thing is that two Baptist laymen from neighboring churches, one a tile layer and the other a trim carpenter, volunteered

to help us," Marvin Johnson said. "Without them I don't know that we could have done the work."

Some funny things have happened, too, with the members doing their own building. "Well, they're funny, now," the men admit. "For instance, we bought the wrong size glass for the window frames twice."

"The odd thing about it, though, Marvin said, "is that after working on the job all day and at the church until 10:30 at night, you still feel refreshed. I guess it's because you know you are doing something for the Lord."

Son Hudson says he will "be kind of disappointed when the building is finished because I look forward to coming out to work on it every night."

The ladies have also shared in the work and the fun. Last Tuesday was a typical evening, when Mrs. Stanley Horne, clad in work jeans and an old shirt, mounted a twelve-foot ladder, and scraped paint from the windows. Her awkward positions drew several witty comments, but she continued, unperturbed.

Some of the ladies picked up and carted off trash, while others swept the auditorium. The weather was hot and humid, but spirits were high. The fulfillment of a dream was in sight.

The new sanctuary, located on Highway 35 about 3 1/2 miles from Sardis Reservoir, is in a strategic location. Statistics reveal that from 3 1/2 to 5 million people vacation in the Sardis Dam area each year. Many of them will drive along the Sardis Dam road. And they will see that God has led His people there to "make me a sanctuary; that I may dwell among them" (Ex. 25:8b).

The sanctuary will be a reminder to vacationers that on the Lord's Day they need to worship, and it will bid them welcome.



SARDIS LAKE: "Touching up" the walls after prayer services one Wednesday night. In photo at left: Larry Crawley (l) and Marvin Johnson (r).



Photo at right: L to r, Pat Horne, Louise Horne (on ladder), Rubena Crawley, Dorothy Hudson, and Joyce Johnson.



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## Pride And Arrogance

By Clifton J. Allen  
Genesis 11:1-9; Deut. 6:10-15;  
Psalm 10:4; Luke 12:13-21

As we pursue the record of beginnings in the book of Genesis, we come to the account of the tower of Babel. This is the last event recorded prior to the beginning of the story of God's chosen people. The inclination of man toward evil now found expression in overweening pride and arrogance. Man tried to defy his creaturehood and show his self-sufficiency by building a tower to heaven. This spirit caused God to act in judgment by confusing the language of the people and scattering them abroad. Pride was their undoing. This truth is emphasized by the psalmist in saying that pride is equivalent to denial of God. Jesus also, through the parable of the rich fool, warned against covetousness and putting trust in the acquisition of things. Christ's teachings make the truth of the Babel incident all the more real and significant.

The Lesson Explained  
Pride In Excess  
Verses 1-4

In spite of the scattering of the nations, recorded at the end of chapter 10, the writer here represents mankind as having one language and few words. Men migrate from the east to the land of Shinar, or Babylonia. Here they settle and soon they aspire to building a great city with a tower which will reach to the heavens. They want to make a name for themselves by building something so large and tall that all people everywhere may see it and praise them for their achievement. Behind their scheme and their endeavor was selfish ambition and a false sense of values. They thought that the measure of achievement was a monument of material character. Vainglory and materialism became their undoing.

### Rev. E. M. Bilbo Dies

Services were at 2 p.m. Sunday, Aug. 2, at Hulet Chapel, Hattiesburg, for Rev. E. M. Bilbo, 87, who died July 31 at Happy Acres Rest Home.

Rev. Charles Williams, Rev. Howard Fowell, and Rev. Ernest Goff officiated.

The congregation sang his request of "Amazing Grace," led by his son-in-law, David Larrimore, music director of Calvary Baptist Church, Tupelo. "Several testimonies were given and a feeling of joy filled the place. Truly the sorrow was not like the world's in the funeral service," states Rev. C. R. Williams.

Mr. Bilbo retired from the Baptist ministry in 1954. He had served at Cartersville, Green's Creek, Calvary, Clara, Sumrall First Baptist, Lakeview, Oral Churches, retiring at Oral. After his retirement, he held interim pastorates in several area churches.

He was a member of Central Baptist Church, also was a retired dispatcher for the Southern Railway.

Survivors are his wife, Mrs. Rosa Martin Bilbo, three sons, Ellis Martin Bilbo of Alamogordo, N. M.; Harold Hunt Bilbo of El Paso, Tex., and Rev. Jack Leggett Bilbo of Pensacola, Fla.; two daughters, Mrs. James E. "Bonnie Jean" Parker of Mobile and Mrs. David "Jeanette" Larrimore of Tupelo; 10 grandchildren, five great-grandchildren, and a sister, Mrs. L. W. Brister of Harlingen, Texas.

### Fernwood Church Licenses Robert Sumrall To Ministry

The Fernwood Baptist Church licensed Robert Blackledge Sumrall, Jr. (pictured) to the Gospel ministry on Sunday August 2. He is the son of Mr. and Mrs. R. B. Sumrall, and is a grandson of Rev. E. S. Flynt, now retired. He is to enter Mississippi College in September.

His church highly recommends him as a promising young minister. He is a blessing to his church. His pastor, Rev. James A. Smith, says that he is one of the very finest young men he has ever recommended to the ministry. Robert surrendered to the call to the ministry during the Grady Wilson Revival a year ago. Robert is 18 years old. Graduated from Gulfport East High School in the class of 1970, and is listed in Merits Who's Who Among American High School Students.

God In Judgment  
Verses 5-8

There is irony in the brief report by the Genesis writer. The men of Babylon thought they were building a tower as high as the heavens—thus they would be like God, up to his level. But the Lord had to come down to their level—so he is described in human terms—to see the pitiful little tower they were building, utterly insignificant in comparison with God the Creator. God of course knew the sinful pride and arrogant spirit behind their undertaking. If they succeeded in this project, they would try to do something even greater; and they would decide that they really did not need God, that they were all-sufficient themselves. God decreed that their language would be confused, so that they would be unable to work effectively together; and thus they would be scattered abroad over the face of the earth. Their grandiose scheme was thwarted by the judgment of God.

Babel A Symbol  
Verse 9

Babel is a symbol of the worship of bigness. Men are captured by the idea that size and prominence are elements of greatness and signs of success. Hence men compete in a wild struggle to build larger and larger institutions or to establish new records or to accumulate larger and finer treasures. Babel is a symbol of the misuse of divinely given resources for selfish achievement and vainglory. God has given to men powers of creativity, of imagination, of production, of skill, and of genius. God created man with aspiration for achievement. All these divine endowments are for a noble purpose and are worthy. But they can be spent for self-centered objectives. Babel is the symbol of a subtle desire for fame. People forget that the only fame which really matters is a good standing with God and achievements which are well pleasing to him.

Babel is a symbol of secularism, the concept that material possessions or material monuments or material satisfactions are the values which should come first in life. Hence the symbol may stand for financial securities, pleasure and entertainment, public recognition and accolades of praise, political power, or the indulgence of luxury or lust. Babel is, finally, a symbol of judgment. God does not ignore pride and arrogance. It is far better for people to humble themselves before the Lord and to be exalted by him than to bring upon themselves the judgment of God for arrogant pride.

Truths to Live By  
Pride is a basic sin.

### Rev. R. A. Langley Dies At D'Lo

Rev. R. A. Langley died at D'Lo on July 18. The funeral service was held at Fellowship Church near Mendenhall on July 19, with Rev. Travis Canoy, Fellowship pastor, Rev. J. N. Holloway, Rev. Harold Douglas, and Rev. J. B. Smith conducting the service.

Mr. Langley married Nora Mitchell 56 years ago. He served as pastor of churches in Hinds County for many years—Palestine, Bethesda, County Line, and others. His last pastorate was at Fellowship, Mendenhall.

For several years he was missionary in the former Deer Creek Association in the Delta, then was pastor at Darlove. He was a graduate of Mississippi College, with the B.A. degree, and of Southern Seminary, with the Th.M. degree.

Rev. J. B. Smith says of him, "Brother Langley was a good student, a forceful preacher, and a wonderful pastor. He lived, well, he labored well, he loved well, and was faithful to the end. He leaves a host of friends everywhere he has lived and labored. All the churches he pastored were represented in great numbers at the funeral services."

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By Bill Duncan  
1 Peter 1:1-12

The study of 1 and 2 Peter is a unit entitled "The Church, God's Present—Day Interpreter."

Is there any connection between Israel, the nation, and the church? You must remember that God called

Abraham to be the founder of a nation that would interpret God to the people that lived around them. However, Israel failed in this calling. They even refused to accept Christ as the Messiah promised to them. But those who did accept him as the Saviour of their lives and of the world, He called to be his church. Today the church carries on the work that Israel was supposed to do throughout the history of mankind. But what will happen to the church if a generation of people refuse to be the church, with the same attitude of Israel?

We who are God's chosen people today have received a glorious inheritance. Some people do not appreciate their history, but it's more than dry facts. God has accepted us and given us the privilege of being his children, ambassadors and helpers. We are the products of His love. The Chosen People of God  
2-5

There was a time when Israel was the chosen people of God, to the exclusion of the other nations. But when the people rejected Jesus Christ the privilege was given to others.

The church with its members taken from every nation in the world is the chosen people. These were strangers in the world because their home is heaven.

The Christian is not to withdraw from the world but the dynamics of his life is that he is not attached to the values and things of this world.

There are three facts we must remember. (1) The Christian became a child of God through divine purpose and not through human aspirations and efforts. (2) The Holy Spirit is essential to every part of the Christian life. (3) The Christian enters into a new covenant relationship through Christ whereby he is cleansed of sin and set apart to obeying Christ the rest of his days.

What a great time to praise God! The words of praise in verse 3 are to God who is like Jesus Christ so that we have "childlike confidence and boldness." The act of praise is for many things.

The first is that the chosen people have been reborn. The individual life is so different, so new, so radical it can only be said to be born again. For the persecuted Christian, Peter reminds us of the living hope that is founded upon the resurrection of Jesus Christ. Because Christ conquered everything, even death, we have nothing to fear.

Second, the Christians have entered a great inheritance. The word inheritance of 1 Peter 1:4 is used to describe the promised land in Deut. 15:4. But the Christian inheritance is better because (1) It is incorruptible. It cannot be ravaged by invading armies such as Palestine. The Christian possesses a peace, a joy, a safety, that no army can destroy. (2) It is unchangeable. This inheritance cannot be polluted with false worship and sin as Palestine was. "The Christian has a purity and a holiness which the world cannot imitate." (3) It is unfading. "The Christian is lifted into a world where there is no change and decay, where his peace, joy, and serenity are untouched by the chances and the changes of life."

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Third, the Christian has a wonderful protection. "Kept by the power of God through faith." God keeps watch and guards the Christian when the troubles of this world comes. His power gives us the ability to conquer until the time when we will escape this world, but until that time we have Him to keep us.

### The Present World

It may be "pie in the sky by and by," but shortly Peter says there will be a storm. The threat of persecution was certain. The thought of this inheritance was the foundation on which Peter reminds his readers, that they can face anything that comes their way. The test or trial that will come upon them will be a test like every experience. These tests come in order to prove the quality. The test of gold is fire. A Christian is worth more than gold. His praise, glory, and honor shall be recognized when Jesus comes. When they endure the present world's troubles and show their true value to God, they will have the reward of, "well done."

It was not possible for this present group of Christians to have seen Jesus. But eye witnessing is not necessary for faith and devotion. Faith is all that is necessary to bring salvation to the person. It would have been wonderful to have been present with the Lord. The early prophets did not have the privilege, but the Holy Spirit guided them to speak and inquire about this salvation. It is that same Spirit that is causing the preachers to declare the good news of Christ to the whole world. The message of hope is sent down from heaven with the interest of all of heaven in it. The present preachers must give the message of the glorious salvation to all men. The declaring of the great inheritance is not possible without the Spirit.

The present crises are about us. But the Christian can endure by the help of the knowledge that the Spirit can bring. This message is not human but divine in nature.

The church must interpret this message to this world. The church is the result of God's giving forth this inheritance and message. We love each other in the church because we love Him who gave us the opportunity of being His Chosen People.



LEFT TO RIGHT, back row: Emmitt Johnson, chairman of deacons; Rev. Randle S. Poss, pastor, First, Maben, and Mrs. Poss. Front row: the pastor's children, Lelia and Randy Poss.

## Poss Appreciation Day At Maben

During the week of July 5-11 the telephones were ringing and the tongues were wagging. Sunday, July 12 was going to be "Randle Poss Appreciation Day" at First Church, Maben, and it was to be a surprise to the Poss Family.

Late Saturday night someone changed the bulletin board to read: "Today Is Poss Appreciation Day", but Mr. Poss was out late too, and found it. He changed his sermon topic to: "Laborers Together With God", and thought he knew the secret.

Eldon Hester, Sunday school superintendent, worked hard all week to promote a full house in Sunday school and church and Mrs. Louis Williams, church hostess, planned a meal to feed everybody. There were 177 people present for Sunday school, the sanctuary was filled for church, and there was an abundance of fried chicken with all of the trimmings.

What Mr. Poss didn't learn from

the bulletin board was that a seven-layer decorated cake has been ordered, with recognition for each of the seven years he had been in Maben.

After the reading of a poem of appreciation by Sherri Williams, daughter of Mrs. Louis Williams who wrote it, Emmitt Johnson, chairman of deacons, presented a silver service to Rev. and Mrs. Poss and Randy and Lelia to try to show them just a little of the love and appreciation First Church, Maben holds in their heart.

## Called To Pine Grove

Rev. James A. Smith has resigned the pastorate of Fernwood Church, Gulfport, to accept the call of Pine Grove Church, Pica-yune, effective Sunday, August 16.

Mr. Smith and his wife, Mary Lin, have followed God's call to the pastorate of churches in Kentucky, Tennessee, Colorado, California, Louisiana, and back to their native Mississippi.

They have three children: a daughter, Jeannie (Mrs. Phil Kelly) of Nashville, Tennessee. Both she and her husband are graduates of Mississippi College. A son, James Patterson, and wife Jeanett, live in Clinton, and he is a senior at Mississippi College. Their youngest son, Benjamin Phillip, is a second-year student at Perkinson Junior College.

Both Rev. and Mrs. Smith are graduates of Mississippi College. Mr. Smith is a graduate of Southern Seminary; Mrs. Smith attended the former WMU Training School.

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## Devotional

## "Two Men In Church"

By Ben Scarborough  
Minister of Music  
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"This man went down to his house justified rather than the other."  
—Luke 18:14

In this story Jesus pictures two men in church at worship. One is very conscious of his surroundings, other people, and of his own self-righteousness. He prays, comparing himself with other men (not all other men, just those below his religious level). He makes great boast of his religious performances and in general seeks to inform God of his worth.

The other man is not aware of his surroundings, nor of other people. He is aware only of the presence of God and his own sin. With lowered head, he smites his breast, asking God's mercy, and confessing his shortcomings of God's glory.

The first man seems to reach the peak of his oratory when he comes to compare himself with his fellow worshipper, a publican. Now he was a Pharisee, of the strictest sect of the Jews, alert to keep the law to the letter, though often disregarding its spirit. Here in the same place of worship was one who made no pretense of religion but was rather a despised member of the local social scene.

If the Pharisee had lived in Moses' day, he would have compared himself to Pharaoh, but not Moses; in the day of Joshua, he would have lusted over Achan but not Joshua; in the day of Daniel, he would have compared himself to Belshazzar, but not to Daniel; he would have compared notes with Peter in the Garden, but not at Pentecost; he would have compared with Saul of Tarsus heading toward Damascus but not of the Apostle Paul on Mars Hill. If he had stood on Calvary, he would have assailed the thief on either of the outside crosses, but would never have looked on the central cross at all.

It is a strange thing, that when people want to make religious comparisons, they always compare with those below them on the ladder, never with the outstanding, stalwart Christian. When they seek to criticize the church, it is always at the point of the weaker member rather than the strong.

Let's look for a moment at the other worshipper. He seeks for something in his life about which to brag, but finds nothing. He seeks for someone with whom he can compare favorably, but there is no one. So he stands before God with one basis for his prayer, the mercy of God.

"Just as I am without one plea,  
But that Thy blood was shed for me,  
And that Thou bidst me come to Thee,  
O Lamb of God, I come."

The purpose of worship is renewal for living. Let's see which of these two men accomplish this. The first worshiper had simply bolstered his religious "ego." He had not drawn any closer to God. He had simply, as Jesus said, "prayed with himself." He had satisfied his ego through self-righteousness, but he had not found the peace of God.

The publican had come into contact with God. He had seen himself and his sin in the light of God and had sought and obtained God's forgiveness. His worship was successful to the extent that Jesus said, "This man went down to his house justified, rather than the other."

Our Negro friends have a spiritual, "Humble Me, Lord." God is not in the humbling business. He is in the exalting business. We must humble ourselves. Hear the words of the Master, "For whosoever exalteth himself shall be abased and he that humbleth himself shall be exalted." This is the way to worship which renews and justifies.

EVERY CHRISTIAN from the first disciple of Christ to the present day has discovered that it is response to the call of God that pulls life together into a totality of meaningful purpose and power. Hence, calling is the key to a unified and ultimately meaningful life.—Henlee Barnette in "Has God Called You?" Broadman Press.

## MC Seeking Nominations Alumnus Of Year

Nominations for "Alumnus of the Year" for 1970 at Mississippi College are now being received by the college's alumni office according to Dr. Charles Holladay of Tupelo, chairman of the selection committee.

Dr. Holladay said nominations must be received by the selection committee prior to their meeting on September 19. Winner of the coveted honor will be announced during Homecoming activities at the college on Saturday, October 31.

Nomination blanks outlining information needed on each nominee may be secured from the alumni office of the college. Nominations can also be made in letter form provided complete biographical information is given.

Under rules established by the Alumni Association, all nominees must have been out of college for at least 15 years. The award is limited to those who, through a long period of years, have worked with marked intelligence and success to promote the highest interests of Mississippi College and their home communities.

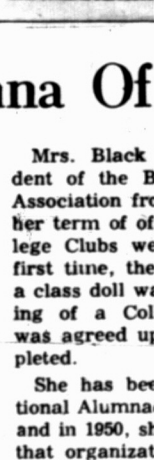
Winner of the Alumnus of the Year award will be presented with a special citation and his name will be inscribed on a bronze "Alumnus of the Year" plaque located in the B. C. Rogers Student Center.

Persons desiring to make nominations should mail their entries to Dr. F. D. Hewitt, Director of Alumni Affairs, P. O. Box 27, Clinton, Miss., 39056.

Serving with Dr. Holladay on the selection committee are Rev. Leonard Holloway, Meridian; Mrs. Marion Perry, Philadelphia; W. M. Dalehite, Jackson; Tillman Britt, Baton Rouge, La.; and J. W. Gillon, Birmingham, Ala.

## New Pastor At Bethel

Rev. Keith Hanlon, formerly pastor of Trinity Church, Memphis, Tenn., has accepted the call to the pastorate of the Bethel Church at Coldwater. He has three children, Callie, Dawn, and Shawn.



Dr. E. Ray Izard, president of the Board of Trustees of Institutions of Higher Learning and distinguished alumni of Mississippi College, returned to the campus recently to donate to the college a copy of his book, *History of the First Baptist Church of Hazlehurst, Mississippi 1870-1970*. Dr. Izard was born and spent much of his lifetime serving the educational interests in Copiah County and the State of Mississippi. He received the B.A. degree from Mississippi College and took graduate work at George Peabody College and the University of Texas. Mississippi College awarded him the Doctor of Laws Degree in 1968. Accepting the book from Dr. Izard is Dr. Lewis Nobles, President of Mississippi College, and looking on with pleasure is J. B. Howell, Librarian at the college. — (M.C. Photo by Joe Lee)

All of these attributes are part of May Gardner Black — the bright twinkle in her eyes, the stately manner, the warm interest in people, the sharp intelligence, the church and community service, and especially, the deep love for Blue Mountain College.

The Alumnae Association takes great pride in its selection of May Gardner Black as most Outstanding Alumna of 1970.



## 75 Books Donated To Carey's Rouse Library

WILLIAM CAREY COLLEGE was the recipient this week of approximately 75 books from the library of Dr. H. J. Jacob, Dean of the Graduate School of Delta State College. Dr. Jacob, far right, poses before some of the books as they were being catalogued in Carey's Rouse Library. Shown with Dr. Jacob is librarian, Mr. Young Lee, and Dr. J. V. McCrory, center, chairman of the library committee. The donated books are in the area of education and psychology. Dr. Jacob's wife is the former Nell Slay, a graduate of William Carey College when it was called Mississippi Woman's College.

## Revival Dates

Pilgrims Rest Church (Copiah): August 16-21; Rev. Oster R. Daniels, Vicksburg, evangelist; Sunday morning services will be followed with dinner on the ground; Sunday evening service at 7:00 p.m.; no morning service during week, just the evening service at 7:30; Rev. V. R. Crider, pastor.

Colonial Heights, Jackson: August 10-16; Dr. Joe Cothen, Professor at New Orleans Seminary and former pastor, Alta Woods, Jackson, guest evangelist; Music under direction of Tom Larrimore, minister of music; Mrs. Hubert Pray, organist; and A. L. Nelson, pianist.

Monday evening at 7:00 a.m. daily (except Saturday) at 7:00 a.m. and 7:30 p.m.; Rev. S. B. Mason, Jr., pastor.

Dublin Church (Jeff Davis): August 9-14; Monday through Friday 9:30 a.m. and 7:30 p.m.; Rev. L. C. Anthony, new pastor, evangelist; Mrs. Hollis Jones, music director; Miss Charlotte Cranford, pianist.

Bethel Church (Leake County): August 16-21; Rev. Sammy Ray, evangelist; Sunday morning and night services; weekday services at night only; in charge of music, Betty Dorsey, Mrs. Robert Gerald Jordan, and Ray Johnson; Rev. Lamar Burkes, pastor.

First, Maben: August 17-23; Dr. Chester Swor, evangelist; Jerry Meriman, musician; Rev. Randle Poss, pastor.

Mt. Zion (Rankin): August 9-14; Rev. Tom Hudson, pastor, Oak Forest, Jackson, evangelist; Dwane Tanten, minister of music, Lexington Church, in charge of music; Miss Bonita Lewis, pianist; weekday services at 10:30 a.m. and 7:30 p.m.; Rev. T. C. Pinson, pastor.

Oak Grove (Amite): August 16-21; Rev. Murray Edwards, pastor of Airline Church, Metairie, La., evangelist; Rev. Larry Naylor, pastor; night services only.

Rocky Springs (Yazoo): August 9-14; services during week at night only, 8 p.m.; Rev. R. Y. Gerrard, pastor, Eden Church, Yazoo County, evangelist; Rev. James H. Richardson, pastor. (Homecoming was held on August 9, with dinner on the grounds.)

Vernon (Noxubee): August 9-14; services Monday - Friday at 7:30 p.m.; Rev. R. D. Pearson of Macon, preached on Sunday; Rev. Frank Rush of DeKalb is bringing the weekday messages; Rev. R. D. Pearson, pastor.

First Church, Potts Camp (Marshall): August 16-21; Rev. Grant Clark, pastor Tate Street Church, Corinth, evangelist; Robert Gray, minister of music, First Church, Ripley, in charge of music; Rev. Joe Epting, pastor.

North Corinth Church (Alcorn): August 16-21; Rev. Richard Clement, pastor, West Jackson Street Church, Tupelo, evangelist; Rev. Doyle Ferrell, pastor, Burnsville Church, song leader; services at the regular time on Sunday, August 16; services during week at 10:45 a.m. and 7:30 p.m.; Rev. Jimmy C. ...

Park, Flora: Aug. 15-21; Rev. John F. Franklin, pastor First Baptist Church, Castle Hills, Azel, Texas, evangelist; Darwin Caldwell, Mississippi College, will lead the singing; services 7:30 p.m.; Rev. Ward Byers, pastor.

Eastside Church, (Rankin): Aug. 16-21; Rev. S. W. Valentine, pastor Southside Baptist Church, Jackson, evangelist; Herman Milner, Jr., singer; services 7:30 p.m.; Sunday (16th) there will be dinner on the grounds followed by the dedication of new educational building; Rev. Howard Benton, pastor.

## REVIVAL RESULTS

Philadelphia (Zion): July 19 - 24; Rev. Albert Pittman, Memphis, former pastor of Scenic Hills Church, Memphis, evangelist; Rev. J. B. Middleton, interim pastor; 11 additions, all on profession of faith, for baptism; "a wonderful spirit of revival."

Camp Creek Church, (Lee): July 26-August 2; Rev. Billy E. Roby, pastor of Rowman Avenue Church, Vicksburg, evangelist; seven professions of faith; one by letter; "a number of rededications and commitments;" Rev. W. M. Daves, pastor.

First, Baldwin: July 26-August 2; Evangelist Don Womack of Memphis, Tennessee, preaching; Aubrey Gaskins, Harrisburg Church, Tupelo; singer; 9 by baptism; 2 by letter.

Hickory Church: July 26-31; Rev. Harold Ishee, pastor at Plainway Church, Laurel, evangelist; Dallas Rayborn, Hattiesburg, singer; large crowds at all services; one for rededication; two by letter; nine for baptism; Rev. H. L. Davis, pastor.

Ashland Church, Ashland: August 16-21; Rev. Henry Joe Bennett, pastor, Byram Church, Jackson, evangelist; J. B. Betts, full-time music evangelist, Southaven, music director; services at 7:00 a.m. and 7:30 p.m.; Rev. Billy E. Burney, pastor.

Harrisville Church (Simpson) Aug. 16-21; Rev. Bobby Perry of West Point, evangelist; Dr. Paul W. Clark, music evangelist; Rev. ...

Coldwater Church (Tate): August 16-21; services at 10 a.m. and 8 p.m.; Dr. Fred M. Wood, Eudora Church, Memphis, Tennessee, evangelist; Walter Price, graduate student, Mississippi College, singer; Rev. Anthony S. Kay, pastor.

Oakland Gove, (Jones): August 16-21; Rev. H. L. Davis, pastor, Hickory, First, evangelist; M. L. Stroud, song leader; Ann Hodge, pianist; Mrs. Johnnie Brownlee, organist; Rev. Lewis C. Stewart, pastor; services 7:30 p.m. week nights.

Unity (Attala): August 16-21; Rev. Leland Goodman, pastor of Montrose Church, Clarke County, evangelist; Marty Evans, Greenville, singer; Rev. E. B. Goodman, pastor; morning and evening services.

Oak Hill (Pearl River): August 16-23; Rev. Ray Cowart, supt. of missions, Pearl River Assn., evangelist; Harry Mercer, Salem Church, Collins, singer; Sunday services 11 a.m. and 7:30 a.m.; weekdays "Old Fashioned School of Music; mornings 9-11:30 a.m.; and night services at 7:30 p.m.; homecoming date Aug. 23, with "Dinner on the Grounds;" Rev. Russell H. Naron, pastor.

Madison Church: August 16-21; Rev. Mel C. Craft, Scottsdale, Arizona, evangelist; Charles Muller, Woodland Hills, Jackson singer; services at 10:30 a.m. and 7:30 p.m. during week; 8:45, 11, and 7 on Sunday; Rev. Billy McKay, pastor.

CONCORD, (FRANKLIN, August 16-21; Rev. Wiley Reid, pastor, Friendship Church, Lincoln, evangelist; Miss Frances Brewer, Bessemer, Alebema, pianist; Rev. John MacLaren, pastor, in charge of the music.

## Blue Mountain Names Alumna Of Year

By Marguerite Hill

In 1969, by recommendation of the Executive Board of the Blue Mountain College National Alumnae Association, recognition of the "Alumna of the Year" was initiated. Since last fall, nominations have been solicited for the person to receive the honor. The "Alumna of the Year" award is designed to honor an outstanding alumna for accomplishments in business or professional life, for outstanding services in church and community affairs, and meritorious services in behalf of the quality and advancement of Blue Mountain College.

During the recent 1970 National Alumnae meeting, members of six Reunion Classes, a host of other Alumnae, their families and friends listened with overwhelming joy and thrills, as the official Citation was read by President E. Harold Fisher, naming May Gardner Black (Mrs. J. B.), for many years a citizen of Blue Mountain, now of Murfreesboro, Tennessee, "Alumna of the Year." Mrs. Black was presented a lovely plum-throated orchid by Edith Taylor Paschall, outgoing President of the National Alumnae Association. In honor of Mrs. Black, the audience gave a standing ovation. She responded with her usual gracious and sincere manner, expressing her deep appreciation for the honor.

The tribute - nomination of Mrs. Black is as follows: "May Gardner Black has been a familiar figure on the Blue Mountain College campus ever since she entered the Sub-Freshman Department as a twelve year old child.

After an active student life, young May graduated from the College in 1904. She agreed to remain as a teacher, a position she filled for fifteen years. Students of that period recall her, tall and erect, moving about the campus in her black skirt and white cut-work blouse with a straw sailor atop her up-swept hair.

She continued her studies by attending one summer school at the University of Tennessee and at Chicago University. She also studied one session at Johns Hopkins.

In June of 1918 "Miss May" resigned her teaching position to marry Dr. James Bailey Black, but if Blue Mountain College lost a fine instructor, it gained a staunch supporter in Dr. Black. He attended Mississippi Heights Academy and later became a professor in that institution in Blue Mountain and loved to regale listeners with tales of courting young ladies at Blue Mountain College.

Mrs. Black maintains her Alma Mater's reputation for producing fine

homemakers. While Mrs. Black might be the commanding general of a classroom or board meeting, she saw to it that Dr. Black was "king of his castle."

Actually, she maintained her home while carrying on the many community activities that are traditional for Blue Mountain girls. While living in Mississippi, she served as president of three chapters of the United Daughters of the Confederacy. She served the Mississippi State Division as treasurer and as editor of "Our Heritage." After moving to Tennessee she held the position of president of the Murfreesboro Chapter Number 91 and was later elected an honorary president of the Tennessee Division. She also served as President of the Real Daughters of the U. D. C.

She has been Regent of the Colonel Hardy Murfreesboro Chapter of the D. A. R.; served as president or chairman of four major civic and church organizations; and as a Sunday school teacher of many years; as a member of the Board of the late Sam Davis Home; a member of the Board of the Oaklands Association since its organization; and as a member of the Rutherford Hospital Auxiliary. She is still an active member of all of these organizations.



## 75 Books Donated To Carey's Rouse Library

WILLIAM CAREY COLLEGE was the recipient this week of approximately 75 books from the library of Dr. H. J. Jacob, Dean of the Graduate School of Delta State College. Dr. Jacob, far right, poses before some of the books as they were being catalogued in Carey's Rouse Library. Shown with Dr. Jacob is librarian, Mr. Young Lee, and Dr. J. V. McCrory, center, chairman of the library committee. The donated books are in the area of education and psychology. Dr. Jacob's wife is the former Nell Slay, a graduate of William Carey College when it was called Mississippi Woman's College.



## Gives Hard ...

Dr. E. Ray Izard, president of the Board of Trustees of Institutions of Higher Learning and distinguished alumni of Mississippi College, returned to the campus recently to donate to the college a copy of his book, *History of the First Baptist Church of Hazlehurst, Mississippi 1870-1970*. Dr. Izard was born and spent much of his lifetime serving the educational interests in Copiah County and the State of Mississippi. He received the B.A. degree from Mississippi College and took graduate work at George Peabody College and the University of Texas. Mississippi College awarded him the Doctor of Laws Degree in 1968. Accepting the book from Dr. Izard is Dr. Lewis Nobles, President of Mississippi College, and looking on with pleasure is J. B. Howell, Librarian at the college. — (M.C. Photo by Joe Lee)

## Names In The News

Three Blue Mountain College students have been notified officially that they are the recipients of the Kate Hardy Foote Scholarships for 1970-71. These Scholarships are awarded annually to worthy students of the Mobile, Alabama and some Mississippi areas. Those chosen recently are: Joy McCreary of Baldwin, a junior, Virginia Harrell of Thomasville, Alabama, a sophomore; and Wanda Weatherly, of Fulton, Alabama, a freshman. Miss McCreary received the same scholarship last session. She is majoring in Science and Mathematics.

Sandra Spangenberg of Chipley, Florida, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. T. S. Spangenberg, has been named to the Freshman Honors Program at William Carey College for the fall semester beginning September 13. She is a recent graduate of Chipley High School. She is a member of the First Baptist Church, Hattiesburg, where she serves often as pianist, organist, and member of the choir. She is also on the Youth Council where she has served as President for the last three years.

One of Mississippi College's most successful alumni in the field of business, T. Hiram Stanley of Columbus, Ga., has received the National Broth-

erhood Award of the National Conference of Christians and Jews (NCCJ). The award, given for distinguished service in the field of human relations, was presented to Mr. Stanley during special banquet ceremonies in Columbus recently. He is one of only three men in the United States who received the award this year. One of the most loyal supporters of Mississippi College, Mr. Stanley entered the college in 1932 and graduated in 1935 with a bachelor of arts degree. He founded the Nehi Bottling Co., in Alexandria, La., in 1926 and later joined the Royal Crown Cola Co. in Columbus. He served as chairman of the board of Royal Crown for a number of years before retiring. Mr. Stanley is a deacon in the First Baptist of Columbus and has taught a men's Bible class for 30 years. He has also served in many Baptist state offices.

Robert Lindsey, son of Dr. and Mrs. Bob Lindsey, missionaries to Israel, has been named to the Freshman Honors Program at Wm. Carey College for the fall semester beginning September 13. He is a recent graduate of the American International High School in Tel Aviv, Israel, having completed earlier school years in the Hebrew Schools.

## Off The Record

By The Numbers!

"Well," snarled the tough old sergeant to the private. "I suppose after you get discharged from the Army you'll just be waiting for me to die so you can come and spit on my grave." "Not me, Sarge," the GI assured him. "Once I get out I ain't never gonna be in line again!"

"No Rest ..."

An elevator operator grew tired of people asking him for the time, so he hung a clock in the elevator. Now, all day long, people ask him, "Is that clock right?" — General Features Corp.

A NICKEL isn't supposed to be as good as a dollar, but it's a safe bet it goes to church more often.

Caught in the Act

The milk-clad matron fumed because the hotel elevator didn't arrive immediately after she pushed the button.

"Where have you been?" she snapped at the operator. The man looked at her calmly and replied, "Where can you go in an elevator?"

Wisdom

Professor: "Jenkins, why don't you join in the discussions?" Jenkins: "I learn more by listening. Anything I would say I already know."

Heavy Subject

A friend of ours was telling us what she did to solve the problem of unwanted pornographic literature.

"I wrapped it securely around a brick and sent it back collect. I've never been bothered by the junk since." — Patricia Nordman

Scapegoat

Caller: "Who's the responsible person here?" Receptionist: "If you mean the person that always gets the blame, it's me."

Family Depot

A home is the place where part of the family waits until the others have returned with the cars.

The astronauts did what every American tourist does — "brought back rocks and took snapshots!"